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Registration No. 333-141110

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Plains Exploration & Production Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 33-0430755

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

700 Milam, Suite 3100

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

Houston, Texas 77002

713-579-6000

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant s Principal Executive Offices)

John F. Wombwell

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Plains Exploration & Production Company

700 Milam, Suite 3100

Houston, Texas 77002

713-579-6000

(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

COPY TO:

Michael E. Dillard, P.C.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

1111 Louisiana Street, 44th Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Telephone: (713) 220-5800

Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement, as determined by market conditions and other factors.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. x

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional class of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "

(Do not check if a smaller reporting

company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of	Amount to be registered/Proposed Maximum Offering	Amount of registration
Securities to be registered	Price Per Unit	fee
Common Stock		
Debt Securities	(1)	(2)
Subsidiary Guarantees of Debt Securities (3)		

- (1) An indeterminate initial offering price, principal amount or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices or upon conversion, exchange or exercise of securities registered hereunder to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, such securities. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are being registered that are issued in exchange for, or upon conversion or exercise of, the debt securities being registered hereunder.
- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee, except for \$58,850 that has already been paid with respect to unsold securities that were previously registered pursuant to Registration Statement No. 333-121452, initially filed by Plains Exploration & Production Company on December 20, 2004, as amended. Pursuant to Rule 457(p), such unutilized filing fee may be applied to the filing fee payable pursuant to this registration statement.
- (3) Subsidiaries of Plains Exploration & Production Company may guarantee on a secured or unsecured basis the debt securities of Plains Exploration & Production Company. In accordance with Rule 457(n), no separate fee is payable with respect to the guarantees of the debt securities being registered.

TABLE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT GUARANTORS

State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization Delaware I.R.S. Employer Identification Number 26-2882698

Exact Name of Registrant Guarantor(1) PXP Louisiana Operations LLC

(1) The address for the Registrant Guarantor is 700 Milam, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-3 (registration No. 333-141110) of Plains Exploration & Production Company and its subsidiary guarantor registrants is being amended to add PXP Louisiana Operations LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the Registrant Guarantor) and subsidiary of Plains Exploration & Production Company, as a Co-Registrant that is, or may potentially be, a guarantor of some or all of the debt securities with respect to which offers and sales are registered under this Registration Statement. No changes or additions are being made hereby to the base prospectus that already forms a part of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, such base prospectus is being omitted from this filing.

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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The expenses of this offering (all of which are to be paid by the registrant) are estimated to be as follows:

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee*	\$ **
Legal fees and expenses	**
Accounting fees and expenses	**
Trustee fees and expenses	**
Printing expenses	**
Miscellaneous	**
Total	\$ **

- * To be deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b) and calculated in connection with the offering of securities under their registration statement pursuant to Rule 457(r).
- ** These fees are calculated based on the number of issuances and amount of securities offered and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Our certificate of incorporation provides that we must indemnify to the full extent authorized or permitted by law any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative or investigative), any appeal in such action, suit or proceeding and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such action, suit or proceeding by reason of fact that he is or was one of our directors or officers or by reason of the fact that such director or officer, at our request, is or was serving as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of an enterprise. The rights to indemnification set forth above are not exclusive of any other rights to which such person may be entitled under any statute, provision of our certificate of incorporation or bylaws, agreements, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

In addition, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide for mandatory indemnification of our officers and directors to at least the extent specifically allowed by Section 145 of the DGCL. However, under our certificate of incorporation, except for proceedings to enforce right to indemnification, we are not required to indemnify anyone (including his heirs, executors or representatives) in connection with any action, suit or proceeding initiated by such person unless it was authorized by or consented to our board of directors. Our bylaws follow the language of Section 145 of the DGCL; however, the advancement of expenses by us does not extend to administrative or investigative actions, suits and proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 145 of the DGCL, we generally have the power to indemnify our current and former directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses and liabilities that they incur in connection with any suit to which they are, or are threatened to be made, a party by reason of their serving in such positions so long as they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interests, and with respect to any criminal action, they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. The statute expressly provides that the power to indemnify or advance expenses authorized thereby is not exclusive of any rights granted under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to actions in such person s official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. We also have the power to purchase and maintain insurance for such directors and officers.

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- 25.2** Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under Plains Exploration s Subordinated Indenture.
- * Filed herewith.
- ** Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.
- *** To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a document to be incorporated by reference herein in connection with the issuance of the securities.

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that (1) paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
- (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
- (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Plains Exploration & Production Company s annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefits plan s annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of either registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of such registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on March 3, 2009.

PLAINS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY

By: /s/ James C. Flores

James C. Flores

Chairman of the Board, President

and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated below on March 3, 2009.

Title Signature * Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) James C. Flores Director Isaac Arnold, Jr. * Director Alan R. Buckwalter, III Director Jerry L. Dees Director Tom H. Delimitros Director Thomas A. Fry, III Director Robert L. Gerry, III Director Charles G. Groat Director John H. Lollar Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Winston M. Talbert (Principal Financial Officer)

Vice President/Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Cynthia A. Feeback

(Principal Accounting Officer)

* By: /s/ John F. Wombwell **John F. Wombwell**

Attorney-in-Fact

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, each of Arguello Inc., Latigo Petroleum, Inc., Plains Acquisition Corporation, Plains Resources Inc., Pogo Partners, Inc., Pogo Producing Company LLC, PXP Aircraft LLC, PXP Gulf Coast LLC, PXP Louisiana L.L.C., and PXP Louisiana Operations LLC, certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas on March 3, 2009.

ARGUELLO INC.

LATIGO PETROLEUM, INC.

PLAINS ACQUISITION CORPORATION

PLAINS RESOURCES INC.

Pogo Partners, Inc.

By: /s/ Winston M. Talbert Winston M. Talbert

Vice President & Treasurer

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY LLC
BY: PXP GULF COAST LLC, its sole

member

By: Plains Exploration &

PRODUCTION COMPANY, its sole

member

By: /s/ Winston M. Talbert Winston M. Talbert

Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

PXP AIRCRAFT LLC

PXP GULF COAST LLC
BY: PLAINS EXPLORATION &

PRODUCTION COMPANY, its sole

member

By: /s/ Winston M. Talbert Winston M. Talbert

Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

PXP LOUISIANA L.L.C.

By: Pogo Producing Company LLC, its

sole member

BY: PXP GULF COAST LLC, its sole

member

By: Plains Exploration &

PRODUCTION COMPANY, its sole

member

By: /s/ Winston M. Talbert Winston M. Talbert

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PXP LOUISIANA OPERATIONS LLC
BY: PXP LOUISIANA L.L.C., its sole

member

By: Pogo Producing Company LLC, its

sole member

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By: Plains Exploration &

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member

By: /s/ Winston M. Talbert

Winston M. Talbert

Executive Vice President & Chief

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints James C. Flores and John F. Wombwell and each of them, either of whom may act without joinder of the other, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments), and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or her might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, or the substitute or substitutes of either of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on March 3, 2009.

Signature	Title
/s/ James C. Flores	President and Director of Arguello Inc., Latigo Petroleum, Inc.,
James C. Flores	Plains Acquisition Corporation, Plains Resources Inc., Pogo
	Partners, Inc. and Pogo Producing Company LLC
	President of PXP Aircraft LLC, PXP Gulf Coast LLC, PXP
	Louisiana L.L.C., PXP Louisiana Operations LLC
	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ John F. Wombwell	Vice President, Secretary and Director of Arguello Inc., Plains
John F. Wombwell	Acquisition Corporation, Plains Resources Inc., Pogo Partners,
	Inc. and Latigo Petroleum, Inc.
	Vice President and Secretary of Pogo Producing Company LLC,
	PXP Aircraft LLC, PXP Gulf Coast LLC, PXP Louisiana L.L.C.
	and PXP Louisiana Operations LLC
/s/ Winston M. Talbert	Vice President, Treasurer and Director of Pogo Producing
Winston M. Talbert	Company LLC
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- 24.3 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement).
- 24.4* Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement).
- 25.1** Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under Plains Exploration s Senior Indenture.
- 25.2** Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under Plains Exploration s Subordinated Indenture.
- * Filed herewith.
- ** Previously filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.
- *** To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a document to be incorporated by reference herein in connection with the issuance of the securities.