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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 and 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 4, 2009  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

HESS CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
State of Incorporation)

1-1204  
(Commission File Number)

13-4921002  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10036  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

(212) 997-8500  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Not Applicable)  
(Former Name or Former Address,  
If Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 4, 2009 the Compensation and Management Development Committee ("the Committee") of Hess Corporation ("the Company") approved target cash bonuses for the chief executive officer, chief financial officer and three most highly compensated executive officers (other than the chief executive officer and chief financial officer) of the Company for 2009. One-third of the bonus is payable based upon attainment of a specified target level of a corporate performance measure, one-third is based upon the attainment of specified business unit metrics, and one-third is discretionary based on individual performance and other qualitative factors. Payouts may range from 0% to 150% for each component of the target bonus, based on the percentage of attainment of the corporate and business unit performance measures and, with respect to the individual performance component, the Committee's determination of an appropriate amount.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 9, 2009

HESS CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. Barclay Collins II

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Name: J. Barclay Collins II  
Title: Executive Vice President