

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 12, 2020**

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-8590**

(Commission File Number)

**71-0361522**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**300 Peach Street**

**P.O. Box 7000**

**El Dorado, Arkansas**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**71731-7000**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **870-862-6411**

**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
<b>Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value</b>	<b>MUR</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 12, 2020, Murphy Oil Corporation (the “Company”) announced that it has revised its 2020 capital spending plans in light of current market conditions and recent commodity price volatility. A copy of the press release announcing the Company’s updated capital spending plans is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

This Current Report on Form 8-K, including the information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and the related Item 9.01 hereto, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are generally identified through the inclusion of words such as “aim”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “drive”, “estimate”, “expect”, “expressed confidence”, “forecast”, “future”, “goal”, “guidance”, “intend”, “may”, “objective”, “outlook”, “plan”, “position”, “potential”, “project”, “seek”, “should”, “strategy”, “target”, “will” or variations of such words and other similar expressions. These statements, which express management’s current views concerning future events or results, are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause one or more of these future events or results not to occur as implied by any forward-looking statement include, but are not limited to: increased volatility or deterioration in the success rate of our exploration programs or in our ability to maintain production rates and replace reserves; reduced customer demand for our products due to environmental, regulatory, technological or other reasons; adverse foreign exchange movements; political and regulatory instability in the markets where we do business; natural hazards impacting our operations; any other deterioration in our business, markets or prospects; any failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals; any inability to service or refinance our outstanding debt or to access debt markets at acceptable prices; or adverse developments in the U.S. or global capital markets, credit markets or economies in general. For further discussion of factors that could cause one or more of these future events or results not to occur as implied by any forward-looking statement, see “Risk Factors” in the Company’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and any subsequent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Current Report on Form 8-K that the Company files, available from the SEC’s website and from the Company’s website at <http://ir.murphyoilcorp.com>. The Company undertakes no duty to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(d) Exhibits**

[99.1](#) [Press Release dated March 12, 2020.](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: March 12, 2020

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Christopher D. Hulse  
Name: Christopher D. Hulse  
Title: Vice President and Controller

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **MURPHY OIL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 35 PERCENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REDUCTION FOR 2020**

#### *Maintains Commitment to Dividend*

EL DORADO, Arkansas, March 12, 2020 – Murphy Oil Corporation (NYSE: MUR) announced today that it has revised its capital spending plans for 2020 given current market conditions and recent commodity price volatility.

Murphy's revised 2020 budget is approximately \$950 million. The reduction of approximately \$500 million equates to a nearly 35 percent revision from the midpoint of the previously announced corporate budget of \$1.4 billion to \$1.5 billion. Murphy will release further details of its revised plan on a later date.

“Under current conditions, we believe this capital reduction program allows for financial flexibility and preservation of our longstanding dividend. As always, we will not sacrifice safety in our efforts to reduce costs across all our assets, as it remains a core value within Murphy,” stated Roger W. Jenkins, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The revised plan will be achieved through the following:

- Delaying certain US Gulf of Mexico projects and development wells
- Postponing spud timing of two operated exploration wells
- Releasing operated rigs and frac crews in the Eagle Ford Shale, with no operated activity planned for the second half of 2020
- Deferring well completions in the Tupper Montney

“We have persevered through multiple commodity price cycles in our 70 years of corporate history, and want to provide reassurance that we are focused on a strategy that protects the business, the balance sheet and our liquidity, while maintaining optionality for additional

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adjustments given the unstable environment. Murphy has an ample liquidity position as of year-end 2019 between its undrawn \$1.6 billion senior unsecured credit facility due November 2023 plus cash on hand, along with other sources of liquidity arising in the normal course of business. Further, we have no debt maturities until June 2022,” said Jenkins.

## **ABOUT MURPHY OIL CORPORATION**

As an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company, Murphy Oil Corporation believes in providing energy that empowers people by doing right always, staying with it and thinking beyond possible. It challenges the norm, taps into its strong legacy and uses its foresight and financial discipline to deliver inspired energy solutions. Murphy sees a future where it is an industry leader who is positively impacting lives for the next 100 years and beyond. Additional information can be found on the company’s website at [www.murphyoilcorp.com](http://www.murphyoilcorp.com).

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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*Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and any subsequent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Current Report on Form 8-K that we file, available from the SEC’s website and from Murphy Oil Corporation’s website at <http://ir.murphyoilcorp.com>. Murphy Oil Corporation undertakes no duty to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.*

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