NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC Form 8-K April 26, 2006

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#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 April 26, 2006 (April 26, 2006) Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-1231776-0475815(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10000 Richmond Avenue Houston, Texas 77042

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 713-346-7500

(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:

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

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#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 26, 2006, National Oilwell Varco, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006 and conference call in connection therewith. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is provided as part of the information furnished under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 National Oilwell Varco, Inc. press release dated April 26, 2006 announcing the earnings results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006.

#### **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: April 26, 2006 NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

/s/ Clay C. Williams

Clay C. Williams

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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