NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC Form 8-K January 05, 2010

# 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 January 5, 2010 (December 31, 2009) 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.)

## 7909 Parkwood Circle Drive

Houston, Texas

77036

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 31, 2009, the Compensation Committee (the Compensation Committee ) of the Board of Directors of National Oilwell Varco, Inc. (the Company ) approved amendments to the employment agreements for the following executive officers of the Company: Merrill A. Miller, Jr., Clay C. Williams, Mark A. Reese, Dwight W. Rettig and Robert W. Blanchard (collectively, the Employment Agreement Amendments ). The Employment Agreement Amendments were entered into by the Company to conform the Company s employment agreements with its executive officers with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The foregoing description of the Employment Agreement Amendments is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of each of the Employment Agreement Amendments, which are attached to this Current Report as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 10.1 Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between Merrill A. Miller, Jr. and National Oilwell Varco
- 10.2 Third Amendment to Executive Agreement of Clay C. Williams and National Oilwell Varco
- 10.3 Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between Mark A. Reese and National Oilwell Varco
- 10.4 Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between Dwight W. Rettig and National Oilwell Varco
- 10.5 First Amendment to Employment Agreement between Robert W. Blanchard and National Oilwell Varco

#### **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: January 5, 2010 NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

By: /s/ Raymond W. Chang Raymond W. Chang Vice President

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