PARALLEL PETROLEUM CORP Form 8-K March 17, 2006

## 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2006

#### PARALLEL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-13305 (Commission file number )

75-1971716 (IRS employer identification number)

1004 N. Big Spring, Suite 400, Midland, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

79701 (Zip code)

(432) 684-3727 (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:

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))

I t e m Results of Operations and Financial Condition. 2.02

On March 16, 2006, Parallel Petroleum Corporation, or "Parallel", issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2005, compared to the restated results for the same periods in 2004. The press release issued on March 16, 2006 is furnished as Exhibit No. 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Parallel's reports on Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K and other publicly available information should be consulted for other important information about Parallel.

Pursuant to General Instruction B-2 of Form 8-K, the information under this Item 2.02 in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit No. 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability of that section. The information under this Item 2.02 in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of Parallel, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits. 9.01

(c) Exhibits.

Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the following exhibits are furnished with this Form 8-K.

Exhibit No.

Description

Press Release issued

99.1

March 16, 2006

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### **SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

PARALLEL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Dated: March 16, 2006 By: /s/ Larry C. Oldham

Larry C. Oldham, President

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued March 16, 2006