

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD  
Form 8-K  
July 24, 2009

**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): July 24, 2009 (July 23, 2009)**

**GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**ALBERTA, CANADA**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-32714**  
(Commission

File Number)

**1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 1080**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(713) 739-1800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

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

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**SECTION 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On July 23, 2009, Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the "Company") filed an article of amendment (the "Amendment") to its Articles of Incorporation with the Registrar of Corporations of Alberta, Canada for the purpose of affecting the previously announced consolidation of the Company's common shares on a basis of one (1) new common share for each five (5) common share outstanding (the "5-for-1 Reverse Split"). Shareholders shall not be entitled to receive fractional shares as a result of the consolidation. Any fractional shares will be rounded up to the next highest whole share. The Company's shareholders approved the 5-for-1 Reverse Split at the 2008 Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders held on June 20, 2008 by a special resolution authorizing the consolidation of the Company's common shares on the basis of (1) new common share for each five (5) common shares outstanding or such fewer number of common shares as the Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, approve at a later date. The Board of Directors approved the 5-for-1 Reverse Split on June 29, 2009. The 5-for-1 Reverse Split will be effective as of the opening of business on Monday, August 3, 2009.

The foregoing description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

The following is a list of exhibits furnished as part of this Form 8-K:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>
3.1	Articles of Amendment attached to and forming part of the Articles of Incorporation of Gastar Exploration Ltd., dated as of July 23, 2009.

**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.

**GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.**

Date: July 24, 2009

By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER  
J. Russell Porter  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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