
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**

**February 28, 2006 (February 27, 2006)
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12317
(Commission
File Number)

76-0475815
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10000 Richmond Avenue
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77042
(Zip Code)

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

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

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The 2006 National Oilwell Varco, Inc. (the “Company”) annual meeting of stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. The location and time of the Annual Meeting will be determined at a later date. The record date for stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting has been set by the Board of Directors of the Company on Friday, March 31, 2006. The Company expects to mail its proxy materials on or about April 12, 2006. Stockholders wishing to submit proposals for consideration at the Annual Meeting are required to do so no later than the close of business on Friday, March 10, 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: February 28, 2006

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

/s/ Clay C. Williams

Clay C. Williams

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer