

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP

Form S-8

July 29, 2005

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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 29, 2005

Registration Statement No. 333-

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE  
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933  
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**86-0876964**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1100 Louisiana, Suite 4400**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

**Petrohawk Energy Corporation Second Amended and Restated 2004 Employee Incentive Plan**  
**Petrohawk Energy Corporation Second Amended and Restated 2004 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan**  
(Full title of each Plan)

**Floyd C. Wilson**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**1100 Louisiana Suite 4400**  
**Houston, Texas 77002**  
**(832) 204-2700**  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

Copy to:  
**Dallas Parker**  
**William T. Heller IV**  
**Thompson & Knight LLP**  
**333 Clay Street, Suite 3300**  
**Houston, Texas 77002**  
**(713) 654-8111**

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	3,700,000 shares	\$10.93	\$40,441,000	\$4,760

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act ), shares issuable upon any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction with respect to the shares covered hereby are also being registered

hereunder.

- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c), the registration fee is calculated on the basis of the average of the high and low sale prices for the common stock on The Nasdaq Stock Market on July 26, 2005, \$10.93. Pursuant to Rule 457(h), the registration fee is calculated with respect to the maximum number of shares of the Company's common stock issuable under the Plans.
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Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP

Consent of KPMG LLP for Mission Resources Corporation

Consent of KPMG LLP for Wynn-Crosby Energy, Inc. and affiliates

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**PART I**

**INCORPORATION OF CONTENTS OF PRIOR REGISTRATION STATEMENTS**

The contents of Registration Statement No. 333-117733 relating to the Petrohawk Energy Corporation 2004 Employee Incentive Plan and the Petrohawk Energy Corporation 2004 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan (the Plans ) filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on July 29, 2004 (the Prior Registration Statement ), including all exhibits thereto, are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8. The purpose of this Registration Statement is to register 3,500,000 additional shares of common stock of Petrohawk Energy Corporation for offer and sale pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated 2004 Employee Incentive Plan and 200,000 additional shares of common stock of Petrohawk Energy Corporation for offer and sale pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated 2004 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this Registration Statement:

- 4.1 Petrohawk Energy Corporation Second Amended and Restated 2004 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan
- 4.2 Petrohawk Energy Corporation Second Amended and Restated 2004 Employee Incentive Plan
- 5.1 Opinion of Thompson & Knight LLP
- 23.1 Consent of Thompson & Knight LLP (included in the opinion of Thompson & Knight LLP filed herewith as Exhibit 5.1)
- 23.2 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Petrohawk Energy Corporation
- 23.3 Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Mission Resources Corporation
- 23.4 Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Wynn-Crosby Energy, Inc. and affiliates
- 23.5 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Beta Oil & Gas, Inc.
- 23.6 Consent of Hein & Associates, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Beta Oil & Gas, Inc.
- 23.7 Consent of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., Petroleum Engineers for Petrohawk Energy Corporation and Mission Resources Corporation
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page of this Registration Statement)

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Houston, state of Texas, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Floyd C. Wilson

Floyd C. Wilson  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned directors and officers of Petrohawk Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation, which is filing a Registration Statement on Form S-8 with the Commission under the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, hereby constitute and appoint Floyd C. Wilson and Shane M. Bayless, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign such Registration Statement and any or all amendments to the Registration Statement, and all other documents in connection therewith to be filed with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact as agents or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Date	Signature / Title
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ Floyd C. Wilson  Floyd C. Wilson Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ Shane M. Bayless  Shane M. Bayless Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Treasurer
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ Tucker S. Bridwell  Tucker S. Bridwell Director
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ David A.B. Brown  David A.B. Brown

Director

July 28, 2005

By: /s/ James L. Irish III

James L. Irish III  
Director

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Date	Signature / Title
July 28 2005	By: /s/ David B. Miller  David B. Miller Director
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ D. Martin Phillips  D. Martin Phillips Director
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ Daniel A. Rioux  Daniel A. Rioux Director
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ Robert C. Stone, Jr.  Robert C. Stone, Jr. Director
July 28, 2005	By: /s/ Herbert C. Williamson, III  Herbert C. Williamson, III Director

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