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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) February 14, 2013**

**OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9210**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-4035997**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10889 Wilshire Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**90024**  
(ZIP code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(310) 208-8800**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

## **Section 8 – Other Events**

### Item 8.01. Other Events

On February 14, 2013, Occidental Petroleum Corporation issued a press release regarding its succession planning process. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

## **Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 14, 2013.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

DATE: February 14, 2013

/s/ ROY PINECI

Roy Pineci, Vice President, Controller  
and Principal Accounting Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated February 14, 2013.

# Oxy News Release



Occidental Petroleum Corporation

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For Immediate Release: February 14, 2013

## Occidental Petroleum Board Forms Search Committee as Part of Succession Planning Process

LOS ANGELES, February 14, 2013 ¼ [Occidental Petroleum Corporation](#) (NYSE:OXY) today announced that as part of the Company's succession planning process, the Board has formed a search committee to undertake a review of internal and external candidates to succeed President and Chief Executive Officer, Stephen I. Chazen, with the assistance of a leading executive search firm. The Company has not set a timetable for completion of the search. As previously announced, Dr. Ray R. Irani, who continues to serve as Executive Chairman, will retire at the end of 2014.

"Succession planning and best corporate governance practices have been a high priority for the Board over the past number of years," said Director Margaret Foran. "We look forward to a thoughtful and smooth process that will yield the best result for Oxy and all of its constituencies."

### About Oxy

[Occidental Petroleum Corporation](#) (OXY) is an international oil and gas exploration and production company with operations in the United States, Middle East/North Africa and Latin America regions. Oxy is one of the largest U.S. oil and gas companies, based on equity market capitalization. Oxy's wholly owned subsidiary, OxyChem manufactures and markets chlor-alkali products and vinyls. Oxy is committed to safeguarding the environment, protecting the safety and health of employees and neighboring communities and upholding high standards of social responsibility in all of the company's worldwide operations.

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