

CHAPARRAL RESOURCES INC

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13E-3  
(RULE 13e-100)**

**TRANSACTION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 13(e) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND RULE 13e-3 THEREUNDER  
RULE 13e-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT  
UNDER SECTION 13(e) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
CHAPARRAL RESOURCES, INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Chaparral Resources, Inc.  
Open Joint Stock Company  
Oil Company LUKOIL  
LUKOIL Overseas Holding Ltd.  
NRL Acquisition Corp.**

(Name of Persons Filing Statement)

**COMMON STOCK**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**159420207**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This statement is filed in connection with (check appropriate box):

- a.  The filing of solicitation materials or an information statement subject to Regulation 14A, Regulation 14C, or Rule 13e-3(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- b.  The filing of a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.
- c.  A tender offer.
- d.  None of the above.

Check the following box if the soliciting materials or information statement referred to in checking box (a) are preliminary copies.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the transaction.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TRANSACTION VALUATION\*

\$88,646,045.80

AMOUNT OF FILING FEE\*\*

\$9,485.13

\* For purposes of calculating the filing fee only. Determined by multiplying 15,283,801 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Chaparral Resources, Inc. by \$5.80 per share. The number of

shares of  
common stock  
is equal to the  
total number of  
outstanding  
shares of  
common stock  
of Chaparral  
Resources, Inc.  
entitled to  
receive the  
merger  
consideration.

\*\* In accordance  
with Section  
14(g) of the  
Securities  
Exchange Act  
of 1934, as  
amended, and  
Fee Rate  
Advisory #5 for  
Fiscal Year  
2006 issued by  
the Securities  
and Exchange  
Commission on  
November 23,  
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amount of the  
filing fee was  
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the transaction  
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Amount Previously Paid:	\$9,485.13
Form or Registration No.:	Schedule 14A
Filing Party:	Chaparral Resources, Inc.
Date Filed:	April 28, 2006

## INTRODUCTION

This Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3 (this Schedule 13E-3 ) is being filed by: (1) Chaparral Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Chaparral ), and the issuer of the equity securities that are the subject of the Rule 13e-3 transaction; (2) Open Joint Stock Company Oil Company LUKOIL ( LUKOIL ); (3) LUKOIL Overseas Holding Ltd., a British Virgin Islands corporation and subsidiary of LUKOIL ( LUKOIL Overseas ); (4) NRL Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of LUKOIL Overseas ( NRL Acquisition and, together with Chaparral, LUKOIL and LUKOIL Overseas, the Filing Persons ).

Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 13, 2006, among Chaparral, LUKOIL Overseas and NRL Acquisition, NRL Acquisition will merge with and into Chaparral, and Chaparral will be the surviving corporation. Upon completion of the merger, each holder of issued and outstanding shares of Chaparral common stock will be entitled to receive \$5.80 in cash, without interest, except for: (1) each share of Chaparral common stock held by LUKOIL Overseas or its affiliates, which will be converted into the right of Caspian Investments Resources Ltd., a company wholly owned indirectly by LUKOIL Overseas, to receive .00004361916 shares of the surviving corporation; (2) treasury shares of Chaparral common stock, which will be canceled and retired without any payment therefor; and (3) shares held by stockholders who properly exercise appraisal rights in accordance with Delaware law. Upon completion of the merger, Caspian Investments Resources Ltd. will be the sole stockholder of Chaparral as the surviving corporation.

Concurrently with the filing of this Schedule 13E-3, Chaparral is filing an amendment to the preliminary proxy statement filed on April 28, 2006 (the proxy statement ) pursuant to which Chaparral will notify its stockholders of, and solicit proxies from its stockholders for, a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of approving the merger agreement. The information set forth in the proxy statement, including all schedules and exhibits thereto, is hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference and the responses to each item in this Schedule 13E-3 are qualified in their entirety by the information contained in the proxy statement and the exhibits thereto.

### ITEM 1. SUMMARY TERM SHEET.

The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET and QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 2. SUBJECT COMPANY INFORMATION.

- (a) NAME AND ADDRESS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET and PARTIES TO THE MERGER in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) SECURITIES. The information contained in the section entitled MARKET AND MARKET PRICE Number of Stockholders in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) TRADING MARKET AND PRICE. The information contained in the section entitled MARKET AND MARKET PRICE Market Information in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) DIVIDENDS. The information contained in the section entitled MARKET AND MARKET PRICE Dividends in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) None.
- (f) PRIOR STOCK PURCHASES. The information contained in the sections entitled COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 3. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF THE FILING PERSONS.

(a), (b), (c) NAME AND ADDRESS; BUSINESS AND BACKGROUND ENTITIES; BUSINESS AND BACKGROUND OF NATURAL PERSONS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, PARTIES TO THE MERGER and WHERE YOU CAN FIND

MORE INFORMATION in the proxy statement, and in Exhibit D to the proxy statement, is incorporated herein by reference. Chaparral, one of the Filing Persons, is also the subject company. During the last five years, none of the following persons has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or has been a party to any judicial or administrative proceeding that resulted in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining further violations of, or prohibiting activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or a finding of any violation of such laws:

1) to the best knowledge of Chaparral, each of Chaparral's current directors or executive officers; and  
2) to the best knowledge of LUKOIL, LUKOIL Overseas and NRL Acquisition, each current director or executive officer of LUKOIL, LUKOIL Overseas and NRL Acquisition.

**ITEM 4. TERMS OF THE TRANSACTION.**

- (a) (1) TENDER OFFERS. Not applicable.
- (a) (2) (i) TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and THE MERGER AGREEMENT in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a) (2) (ii) CONSIDERATION. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, THE MERGER Payment of Merger Consideration and Surrender of Stock Certificates, THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment of Merger Consideration and Surrender of Stock Certificates and THE MERGER AGREEMENT Merger Consideration in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a) (2) (iii) REASONS FOR TRANSACTION. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors Determination; Fairness of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Structure of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a) (2) (iv) VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, THE SPECIAL MEETING Vote Required and THE MERGER AGREEMENT Conditions to the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a) (2) (v) DIFFERENCES IN THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a) (2) (vi) ACCOUNTING TREATMENT. The information contained in the section entitled THE MERGER Anticipated Accounting Treatment of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a) (2) (vii) INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and THE MERGER

Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

- (c) DIFFERENT TERMS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger and THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment of Merger Consideration and Surrender of Stock Certificates in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.



- (d) APPRAISAL RIGHTS. The information contained in the sections entitled QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and THE MERGER Appraisal Rights in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) PROVISIONS FOR UNAFFILIATED SECURITY HOLDERS. The information contained in the sections entitled THE SPECIAL MEETING Record Date and Voting Rights, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Provisions for Unaffiliated Stockholders and THE MERGER Appraisal Rights in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) ELIGIBILITY FOR LISTING OR TRADING. Not applicable.

**ITEM 5. PAST CONTACTS, TRANSACTIONS, NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.**

- (a) TRANSACTIONS. The information contained in the sections entitled COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION and SPECIAL FACTORS Certain Relationships and Related Transactions in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b), (c) SIGNIFICANT CORPORATE EVENTS; NEGOTIATIONS OR CONTACTS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger and COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) AGREEMENTS INVOLVING THE SUBJECT COMPANY'S SECURITIES. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger and THE MERGER AGREEMENT in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 6. PURPOSES OF THE TRANSACTION AND PLANS OR PROPOSALS.**

- (b) USE OF SECURITIES ACQUIRED. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger and THE MERGER AGREEMENT Payment of Merger Consideration and Surrender of Stock Certificates in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) PLANS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger, THE MERGER AGREEMENT and SPECIAL FACTORS Plans for Chaparral in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7. PURPOSES, ALTERNATIVES, REASONS AND EFFECTS.**

- (a), (c) PURPOSES; REASONS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors Determination; Fairness of the

Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Position of LUKOIL and NRL Acquisition as to Fairness and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Structure of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

- (b) ALTERNATIVES. The information contained in the sections entitled SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors Determination; Fairness of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

- (d) EFFECTS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Position of LUKOIL and NRL Acquisition as to Fairness, SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Merger, THE MERGER Estimated Fees and Expenses of the Merger, THE MERGER Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences, THE MERGER AGREEMENT and SPECIAL FACTORS Certain Benefits and Detriments of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 8. FAIRNESS OF THE TRANSACTION.**

- (a), (b) FAIRNESS; FACTORS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING FAIRNESS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Position of LUKOIL and NRL Acquisition as to Fairness, SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Structure of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee and SPECIAL FACTORS Presentations of LUKOIL's Financial Advisors in the proxy statement, and in Exhibit C to the proxy statement, Opinion of Petrie Parkman & Co., Inc. dated March 10, 2006 is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) APPROVAL OF SECURITY HOLDERS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, THE SPECIAL MEETING Record Date and Voting Information, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger and THE MERGER AGREEMENT Conditions to the Merger, in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) UNAFFILIATED REPRESENTATIVE. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) OTHER OFFERS. The information contained in the sections entitled SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors' Determination; Fairness of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9. REPORTS, OPINIONS, APPRAISALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.**

- (a) (c) REPORT, OPINION, OR APPRAISAL; PREPARER AND SUMMARY OF THE REPORT; AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee's Determination; Fairness of the Merger,

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SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors Determination; Fairness of the Merger, SPECIAL FACTORS Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee, WHERE STOCKHOLDERS CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION and SPECIAL FACTORS Presentations of LUKOIL s Financial Advisors in the proxy statement, and in Exhibit C to the proxy statement, Opinion of Petrie Parkman & Co., Inc. dated March 10, 2006, is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 10. SOURCE AND AMOUNTS OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.**

- (a), (b), (d) SOURCE OF FUNDS; CONDITIONS; BORROWED FUNDS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and THE MERGER Merger Financing; Sources of Funds in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) EXPENSES. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, THE SPECIAL MEETING Proxy Solicitation, THE MERGER Estimated Fees and Expenses of the Merger and THE MERGER AGREEMENT Fees and Expenses in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 11. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE SUBJECT COMPANY.**

- (a) SECURITIES OWNERSHIP. The information contained in the sections SPECIAL MEETING Vote Required, SPECIAL FACTORS Interests of Directors and Officers in the Merger and COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION in the proxy statement, and in Exhibit D to the proxy statement, is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS. The information contained in the sections entitled COMMON STOCK PURCHASE INFORMATION in the proxy statement, and in Exhibit D to the proxy statement, is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 12. THE SOLICITATION OR RECOMMENDATION.**

- (d) INTENT TO TENDER OR VOTE IN A GOING-PRIVATE TRANSACTION. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and THE SPECIAL MEETING Record Date and Voting Rights in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) RECOMMENDATIONS TO OTHERS. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for the Special Committee s Determination; Fairness of the Merger and SPECIAL FACTORS Reasons for our Board of Directors Determination; Fairness of the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

- (a) FINANCIAL INFORMATION. The information contained in the sections entitled CHAPARRAL RESOURCES, INC. SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL DATA, RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES and WHERE STOCKHOLDERS CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION in the proxy statement, and in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of Chaparral s most

recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) PRO FORMA INFORMATION. Not applicable.

**ITEM 14. PERSONS/ASSETS, RETAINED, EMPLOYED, COMPENSATED OR USED.**

(a), (b) SOLICITATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS; EMPLOYEES AND CORPORATE ASSETS. The information contained in the sections entitled SPECIAL FACTORS Presentations of LUKOIL s Financial Advisors, THE SPECIAL MEETING Proxy Solicitation and THE MERGER Estimated Fees and Expenses of the Merger is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

- (b) OTHER MATERIAL INFORMATION. The information contained in the sections entitled SUMMARY TERM SHEET, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER and THE MERGER Litigation Relating to the Merger in the proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 16. EXHIBITS.**

- (a)(1) Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to the Preliminary Proxy Statement).
- (a)(2) Preliminary form of Proxy Card, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission together with the Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A on April 28, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to the Preliminary Proxy Statement).
- (a)(3) Press Release, dated March 13, 2006 (incorporated hereby by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Chaparral's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 14, 2006).
- (a)(4) Not applicable.
- (a)(5) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c)(1) Fairness Opinion of Petrie Parkman & Co., Inc. dated March 10, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit C to the Preliminary Proxy Statement).
- (c)(2) Written Materials of Petrie Parkman & Co., Inc. presented to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Chaparral Resources, Inc. on March 10, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (c)(2) to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 1, 2006).
- (c)(3) Written Materials of Petrie Parkman & Co., Inc. presented to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Chaparral Resources, Inc. on January 27, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit(c)(3) to the Schedule 13E-3/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2006).
- (c)(4) Written Materials of Petrie Parkman & Co., Inc. presented to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Chaparral Resources, Inc. on February 21, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (c)(4) to the Schedule 13E-3/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2006).
- (c)(5) Fairness Opinion of BMO Nesbitt Burns dated October 28, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (c)(5) to the Schedule 13E-3/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2006).
- (c)(6) Valuation Report of Aton Capital Limited dated January 13, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (c)(6) to the Schedule 13E-3/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2006).

- (c)(7) Valuation Report of Aton Capital Limited dated March 13, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (c)(7) to the Schedule 13E-3/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2006).
- (d) Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 13, 2006, among Chaparral, LUKOIL Overseas and NRL Acquisition (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A to the Preliminary Proxy Statement).
- (f) Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit B to the Preliminary Proxy Statement).
- (g) Not applicable.

**SIGNATURES**

After due inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 7, 2006

CHAPARRAL RESOURCES, INC.

By: /s/ Charles Talbot  
Vice President Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

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"OIL COMPANY "LUKOIL"

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President  
Vice President

NRL ACQUISITION CORP.

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