

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 2010

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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):

October 1, 2010

**Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-22664

75-2504748

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

450 Gears Road, Suite 500, Houston, Texas

77067

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

281-765-7100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On October 1, 2010, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the *Company* ) issued a press release announcing that two subsidiaries of the Company, Universal Pressure Pumping, Inc. ( *UPP* ) and Universal Wireline, Inc. completed the acquisition of certain assets from Key Energy Pressure Pumping Services, LLC ( *Key Pressure Pumping* ) and Key Electric Wireline Services, LLC (together with Key Pressure Pumping, the *Sellers* ) relating to the business of providing pressure pumping services and electric wireline services to participants in the oil and natural gas industry for an approximate aggregate purchase price of \$238 million in cash (the *Purchase Price* ). The Purchase Price is subject to a post-closing adjustment based on the amount of inventory on the closing date.

The acquisition was effected pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated July 2, 2010, as amended, modified and supplemented, by and among the Company, UPP (formerly known as Portofino Acquisition Company), Sellers and Key Energy Services, Inc., a Maryland corporation.

The foregoing description of the press release is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d)	Exhibits	
	99.1	Press Release dated October 1, 2010 Announcing Completion of the Acquisition

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**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.

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

*October 1, 2010*

By: */s/John E. Vollmer III*

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*Name: John E. Vollmer III  
Title: Senior Vice President-Corporate Development, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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