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Form 8-K  
July 12, 2006

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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): July 12, 2006

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| ALBERTA, CANADA                                   | 001-32714                   | 38-3324634                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 1080  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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))

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SECTION 7 - REGULATION FD

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

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On July 12, 2006, the Company announced that the previously reported non-binding Letter of Intent to acquire up to a 50% interest in rights attaching to brown coal discoveries within the area of Exploration License 4416 in Latrobe Valley, Victoria, Australia has expired.

The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished solely pursuant to Item 7.01 of this report.

### SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits furnished as part of this Form 8-K:

| Exhibit No. | Description of Document            |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press release dated July 12, 2006. |

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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.

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

Date: July 12, 2006

By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER

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J. Russell Porter  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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