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Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

February 15, 2006

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING TRUST
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

4200, 150 - 6TH AVENUE S.W.
CALGARY, ALBERTA
CANADA T2P 3Y7
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 15, 2006

PRECISION DRILLING TRUST
By its Administrator PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Darren Ruhr

Name: Darren Ruhr
Title: Vice President, Corporate Services and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT TITLE

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EXHIBIT 1

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Calgary, Alberta, Canada - February 15, 2006

PRECISION DRILLING TRUST REPORTS RECORD EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS FOR YEAR AND FOURTH QUARTER, EXCLUDING ONE TIME ITEMS

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Precision Drilling Trust ("Precision" or the "Trust") today reports results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2005. Diluted earnings per unit from continuing operations were \$0.96 in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to \$0.49 in 2004. Diluted earnings per unit from continuing operations benefited from a lower effective tax rate and were reduced by \$0.53 in the fourth quarter of 2005 as a result of a number of one time items. The first item is an incremental \$6.4 million in expenses regarding the repayment of outstanding debentures, the second is the \$50.7 million market value adjustment to the shares of Weatherford International Ltd. ("Weatherford") received on the sale of the Energy Services and International Contract Drilling divisions and the third is the \$17.5 million in reorganization costs to effect the conversion to an income trust pursuant to a plan of arrangement. For the full year ended December 31, 2005, diluted earnings per unit from continuing operations were \$1.76 compared to \$1.61 in 2004. Diluted earnings per unit from continuing operations was reduced by \$1.04 for the full year in 2005 as a result of expenses related to the premium on repayment of the debentures, the loss on disposition of Weatherford shares and the reorganization costs.

Excluding one time items related to the recent business divestitures and reorganization activities, diluted earnings per unit from continuing operations in the fourth quarter of 2005 was \$1.49 compared to \$0.49 in 2004. This \$1.00 per unit increase represents a 204% improvement due to the increase in demand and underlying profit margins for all of Precision's Canadian oilfield service offerings, lower interest expense with repayment of outstanding debentures and lower income tax expense with the conversion to an income trust during the fourth quarter. For the full year ended December 31, 2005 diluted earnings per unit from continuing operations, excluding one time items, was \$2.80 compared to \$1.61 in 2004. This \$1.19 per unit increase represents a 74% improvement due to factors previously discussed, most of which was realized in the second half of 2005. These full year results were generated from an underlying asset base for continuing operations that was only marginally larger in size on a year over year basis.

Precision is pleased to acknowledge the successful conversion of the continuing assets and businesses of Precision Drilling Corporation ("PDC") to an income trust on November 7, 2005 pursuant to a plan of arrangement. The purpose of the arrangement was to convert continuing operations from a corporate structure to an income trust structure and to facilitate the receipt of Weatherford shares and the special cash payment by shareholders. Noteworthy developments resulting from the arrangement include the following:

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- 1) Holders of common shares of PDC, excluding dissenting shareholders, received in exchange for each common share of PDC held (i) one unit of the Trust, (ii) 0.2089 common shares of Weatherford International Ltd., and (iii) \$6.83 of cash. As a result, the Trust issued 122,512,799 trust units, distributed Weatherford shares valued at \$2.007 billion in the aggregate and made a special cash payment totaling \$0.844 billion. The Trust cancelled 817,005 common shares of PDC owned by dissenting shareholders through repurchase consideration paid in the amount of \$43.3 million.
- 2) The Trust, as the successor in interest to PDC, has been accounted for as a continuity of interest. Commencing with the fourth quarter the consolidated financial statements of the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2005 and comparables for the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2004 reflect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows as if the Trust had always carried on the business formerly carried on by PDC.
- 3) Shareholders were also given the opportunity to receive limited partnership

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units ("Exchangeable LP Units") of Precision Drilling Limited Partnership exchangeable without further consideration into trust units on a one-for-one basis. An aggregate of 1,108,382 Exchangeable LP Units were issued in lieu of trust units. The Exchangeable LP Units have been accounted for as equity and included with outstanding unitholders' capital of the Trust in reporting fully diluted earnings.

RESULTS OF CONTINUING CANADIAN OPERATIONS

Revenue of \$427.9 million and operating earnings of \$175.9 million increased by 36% and 54% respectively in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to the same period of 2004. For the full year of 2005, revenue of \$1,269.2 million and operating earnings of \$465.4 million increased by 23% and 40% respectively over 2004. All business units performed exceptionally well and contributed higher operating earnings leading to a record quarter for Precision. The increase in operating earnings is attributable to higher equipment utilization and strong, year over year, customer pricing. Consistent with the third quarter results, the pace of operating cost escalation was well contained.

Gene Stahl, President and Chief Operating Officer, noted that "To start the first quarter of 2006, Precision will continue to benefit from the pricing leverage and demand established in the fourth quarter of 2005. While demand for our services is remaining very strong, the additional supply of industry equipment and recent softening of natural gas commodity pricing in North America may serve to weaken the favourable equipment demand versus supply imbalance that currently exists. Nonetheless, our people, our passion, our performance is showing through as we work to improve and deliver value to our customers."

Precision's continuing operations are reported in two segments. The Contract Drilling Services segment contains our contract drilling rig, camp and catering, oilfield supply, and manufacturing divisions. The Completion and Production Services segment contains our service rig, snubbing and rental divisions.

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THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2005	2004	% Change

Contract Drilling Services:			
Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	230	229	0.4
Drilling operating days	14,350	12,099	18.6
Drilling revenue per operating day	\$ 19,700	\$ 17,624	11.8
Completion and Production Services:			
Number of service rigs (end of period)	237	239	(0.8)
Service rig operating hours	\$ 142,122	\$ 127,693	11.3
Service revenue per operating hour	\$ 679	\$ 553	22.8

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2005	2004	% Change

Contract Drilling Services:			
Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	230	229	0.4

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Drilling operating days	46,937	41,625	12.8
Drilling revenue per operating day	\$ 18,034	\$ 16,494	9.3
 Completion and Production Services:			
Number of service rigs (end of period)	237	239	(0.8)
Service rig operating hours	\$ 477,232	\$ 472,008	1.1
Service revenue per operating hour	\$ 600	\$ 513	17.0

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Contract drilling rig demand during the fourth quarter of 2005 reached unprecedented levels with 229 out of 230 drilling rigs active. The 14,350 operating days for the quarter establishes a new high for a fourth quarter surpassing the previous high in 1997 when 13,983 days were achieved. At that time, Precision had 206 drilling rigs out of an industry total of 487, whereas today Precision has 230 out of approximately 767. Generally, weather conditions were favourable despite temperatures that were warmer than normal. The unseasonably warm weather temperatures and dry conditions were ideal after coming out of an extremely wet spring and early summer. Certain customers were able to extend their summer drilling programs and mitigate land expiry issues. It also served certain customers who did not have rigs reserved for the winter and required windows to complete projects as some rigs were delayed moving farther north in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin (WCSB).

Precision's service rig fleet achieved 142,122 operating hours for 65% utilization in the fourth quarter, an 11% increase compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. The improvement is a result of strong demand as customers attempt to keep their production maintenance on schedule. In addition, completion work was strong due to record drilling activity in combination with pent up demand from weather delays in the first half of the year. The southern and eastern areas of the WCSB experienced Precision's largest increase in operating hours over the prior year.

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Both operating segments reported significant fourth quarter revenue increases year over year. Completion and Production's 35% increase was essentially a match with Contract Drilling's 36% increase. Higher pricing for Completion and Production Services made up for the smaller increase in equipment utilization, relative to Contract Drilling Services.

Operating costs were lower as a percentage of revenue despite crew wage rate increases of approximately 7% effective October 1, 2005. Operating expenses declined from 51% of revenue in the fourth quarter of 2004 to 45% in 2005. Consistent with third quarter 2005 results, equipment repair and maintenance expenses were lower on a per day basis as scheduled costs were spread over a higher activity level relative to last year. In addition, operating expenses have not increased to the same magnitude as customer pricing.

General and administrative costs for the fourth quarter were slightly higher than the same period in 2004. As a percentage of revenue, general and administrative costs fell to 4.7% from 6.1%.

Depreciation expense in the fourth quarter of 2005 remained relatively consistent as the impact of increased activity was offset by the change in the estimated useful life of drilling rigs from 4,150 to 5,000 utilization days effective January 1, 2005. Depreciation expense was offset by higher gains on the disposal of certain assets in the amount of \$1.3 million relative to 2004.

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On a full year over year basis, both 2005 and 2004 recorded a gain of \$3.6 million on the disposal of property, plant and equipment assets.

Discontinued operations, net of tax, amounted to a loss of \$37.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 and a gain of \$1.410 billion for the year. The current quarter loss related to purchase consideration and income tax adjustments.

DISTRIBUTION POLICY OF THE TRUST

With PDC's conversion to an income trust effective November 7, 2005, the Trust has adopted a policy of making regular monthly cash distributions to unitholders. As previously disclosed in the Information Circular, distributions may be reduced, increased or suspended entirely depending on the operations of Precision and the performance of its assets. The actual cash flow available for distribution to trust unitholders and holders of Exchangeable LP Units is a function of numerous factors, including the Trust's:

- o financial performance;
- o debt covenants and obligations;
- o working capital requirements;
- o maintenance and expansion capital expenditure requirements for the purchase of property, plant and equipment; and
- o number of units outstanding.

The Trust considers these factors on a monthly basis and made its first payment in the month of December in the amount of \$33.9 million at the rate of \$0.27 for each of the units outstanding, including Exchangeable LP Units. At December 31, 2005 there were 125,461,303 Trust and Exchangeable LP Units outstanding.

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Key factors for consideration in determining actual cash flow available for distribution, in a historical context, are disclosed within the financial statements and on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow. The increase or decrease in cash is shown for each of the operating, investing and financing activities undertaken by the Trust.

- o Within operating activities, fourth quarter 2005 cash provided by continuing operations amounted to a use of \$48.7 million. In terms of financial performance based upon cash provided by continuing operations before changes in non-cash working capital balances, a use of \$163.4 million, and the premium on redemption of debentures, a use of \$65.5 million, cash in the amount of \$180.2 million was provided by operations.
- o Within investing activities, the purchase of property, plant and equipment (PPE) during the fourth quarter of 2005 for continuing operations amounted to \$44.8 million. Included in this amount is \$17.2 million for the construction of new drilling rigs. For the full year of 2005, PPE purchases amounted to \$155.2 million and included \$63.0 million for expansion capital expenditures to grow and expand Precision's underlying asset base and \$92.2 for maintenance capital expenditures to sustain and upgrade existing PPE.

The energy services industry in Canada can be extremely cyclical as commodity price fluctuations can be compounded by seasonal trends. Accordingly, there

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could be a wide fluctuation in financial performance from quarter to quarter, year over year.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT)

CDN \$000'S, EXCEPT PER UNIT AMOUNTS	THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	2005	2004
	(UNAUDITED)	(unaudited)
Revenue	\$ 427,861	\$ 313,978
Expenses:		
Operating	192,111	160,055
General and administrative	19,902	19,198
Depreciation and amortization	19,465	21,620
Foreign exchange	2,974	(774)
Reorganization costs	17,512	-
	251,964	200,099
Operating earnings	175,897	113,879
Interest	(297)	15,127
Premium on redemption of bonds	6,402	-
Loss on disposal of short-term investments	50,730	-
Gain on disposal of investments	-	(2,325)
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	119,062	101,077
Income taxes:		
Current	25,103	8,706
Future	(26,918)	31,789

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	(1,815)	40,495	
Earnings from continuing operations	120,877	60,582	
Discontinued operations, net of tax	(37,331)	27,601	
Net earnings	83,546	88,183	
Retained earnings, beginning of period	2,569,959	953,500	
Adjustment on cash purchase of employee stock options, net of tax	(23,346)	-	
Reclassification from contributed surplus on purchase of employee stock options	23,215	-	
Distribution of disposal consideration	(2,851,784)	-	
Repurchase of common shares of dissenting shareholders	(34,364)	-	
Distributions	(70,510)	-	
Retained earnings (deficit), end of period	\$ (303,284)	\$ 1,041,683	\$
Earnings per unit from continuing operations:			
Basic	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.50	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.49	\$
Earnings per unit:			
Basic	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.73	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.71	\$
Trust units outstanding (000's)	125,461	121,580	
Weighted average units outstanding (000's)	124,862	121,516	
Diluted units outstanding (000's)	126,047	123,352	

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

CDN \$ 000'S	DECEMBER 31 2005	December 31 2004
	(UNAUDITED)	(unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 122,012
Accounts receivable	500,655	309,292
Inventory	7,035	7,734
Assets of discontinued operations	-	497,036
	507,690	936,074
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	943,900	897,584
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	465	498

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Goodwill	266,827	266,827
Other assets	-	9,116
Assets of discontinued operations	-	1,741,950
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	\$ 1,718,882	\$ 3,852,049

LIABILITIES AND UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:

Bank indebtedness	\$ 20,468	\$ -
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	134,303	120,432
Income taxes payable	163,530	13,624
Distributions payable	36,635	-
Liabilities of discontinued operations	-	244,707
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	354,936	378,763

Long-term debt	96,838	718,850
Future income tax liability	192,517	354,268
Liabilities of discontinued operations	-	78,427

Unitholders' equity:

Unitholders' capital	1,377,875	1,274,967
Contributed surplus	-	26,024
Cumulative translation adjustment	-	(20,933)
Retained earnings (deficit)	(303,284)	1,041,683
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	1,074,591	2,321,741

\$ 1,718,882 \$ 3,852,049

Trust units outstanding (000's)	125,461	121,580
Common share purchase options outstanding (000's)	-	6,695

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

THREE MONTHS ENDED
DECEMBER 31

CDN \$000's	2005 (UNAUDITED)	2004 (unaudited)	(U
Cash provided by (used in):			
Continuing operations:			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 120,877	\$ 60,582	\$
Items not affecting cash:			
Depreciation and amortization	19,465	21,620	
Stock-based compensation	3,953	2,628	
Gain on disposal of investments	-	(2,325)	
Future income taxes	(26,918)	31,789	
Premium on redemption of bonds	(65,483)	-	

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Loss on disposal of short-term investments	50,730	-	
Write off of deferred financing costs	7,664	-	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	79	434	
Unrealized foreign exchange gain(loss) on long-term monetary items	4,320	(100)	
Changes in non-cash working capital balances	(163,429)	(83,709)	
	(48,742)	30,919	
Discontinued operations:			
Funds provided by (used in) discontinued operations	\$ (12,547)	\$ 63,701	\$
Changes in non-cash working capital balances of discontinued operations	(16,760)	44,405	
	(29,307)	108,106	
Investments:			
Business acquisitions	-	(19,812)	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(44,840)	(40,462)	
Purchase of intangibles	-	-	
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	6,897	1,593	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment of discontinued operations	-	(49,152)	
Purchase of intangibles of discontinued operations	-	(6)	
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment of discontinued operations	-	3,730	
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	14,569	2,788	
Proceeds on disposal of discontinued operations	519	-	1
Investments	-	(90)	
	(22,855)	(101,411)	1
Financing:			
Increase in long-term debt	96,826	-	
Repayment of long-term debt	(703,958)	(3)	
Deferred financing costs on long-term debt	-	-	
Distribution of disposal proceeds	(844,334)	-	
Distributions	(33,875)	-	
Repurchase of common shares of dissenting shareholders	(43,299)	-	
Cash buy-out of employee stock options	(35,583)	-	
Issuance of trust units on exercise of options	8,263	-	
Issuance of trust units on purchase of options	5,504	-	
Issuance of common shares on exercise of options	33,408	5,006	
Issuance of common shares, net of cash	-	(27)	
Changes in non-cash working capital balances	12,237	-	
Change in bank indebtedness	20,468	-	
	(1,484,343)	4,976	(1
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,585,247)	42,590	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,585,247	79,422	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ -	\$ 122,012	\$

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SEGMENT INFORMATION

THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 CDN \$000's (unaudited)	Contract Drilling	Completion & Production	Corporate and Other	I
Revenue	\$ 307,941	\$ 123,896	\$ -	
Operating earnings	155,477	50,833	(30,413)	
Depreciation and amortization	11,386	7,275	804	
Total assets	1,159,687	486,701	72,494	
Goodwill	172,440	94,387	-	
Capital expenditures*	35,668	7,047	2,125	

THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 CDN \$000's (unaudited)	Contract Drilling	Completion & Production	Corporate and Other	
Revenue	\$ 225,865	\$ 91,680	\$ -	
Operating earnings	98,935	27,145	(12,201)	
Depreciation and amortization	12,696	7,528	1,396	
Total assets (1)	971,863	461,191	180,009	
Goodwill	172,440	94,387	-	
Capital expenditures*	24,638	12,377	3,447	

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 CDN \$000's (unaudited)	Contract Drilling	Completion & Production	Corporate and Other	
Revenue	\$ 916,221	\$ 369,667	\$ -	
Operating earnings	404,385	121,643	(60,650)	
Depreciation and amortization	39,233	27,402	4,926	
Total assets	1,159,687	486,701	72,494	
Goodwill	172,440	94,387	-	
Capital expenditures*	106,986	34,576	13,689	

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 CDN \$000's (unaudited)	Contract Drilling	Completion & Production	Corporate and Other	I
Revenue	\$ 727,710	\$ 313,386	\$ -	
Operating earnings	282,315	77,074	(28,076)	
Depreciation and amortization	42,245	27,508	5,076	
Total assets(1)	971,863	461,191	180,009	
Goodwill	172,440	94,387	-	
Capital expenditures*	74,975	31,759	15,958	

(1) excludes assets of discontinued operations

* excludes business acquisitions and capital expenditures of discontinued

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operations

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CANADIAN DRILLING OPERATING STATISTICS

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED DE			
	2005			
	Precision	Industry*	Market Share %	Precis
Number of drilling rigs	230	752	30.6	
Number of operating days (spud to release)	46,937	158,286	29.7	41,
Wells drilled	7,766	24,351	31.9	7,
Average days per well	6.0	6.5		
Metres drilled (000's)	8,901	28,143	31.6	8,
Average metres per day	190	178		
Average metres per well	1,146	1,158		1,
Rig utilization rate (%)	56.1	59.6		5

* Excludes non-CAODC rigs.

A conference call to review the year-end results has been scheduled for 12:00 noon MST on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. The conference call dial-in number is 1-800-814-4861 or 416-644-3414.

A live webcast will be accessible at www.precisiondrilling.com by selecting Investor Relations, then Webcast. An archived recording of the conference call will be available approximately one hour after the completion of the call until February 22, 2006 by dialing 1-877-289-8525 or 416-640-1917, passcode 21172565#.

Precision Drilling Trust is Canada's largest energy services trust. Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, it is the leading provider energy services to the Canadian oil and gas industry. Precision provides customers with access to an extensive fleet of contract drilling rigs, service rigs, camps, snubbing units and rental equipment backed by a comprehensive mix of technical support services and skilled, experienced personnel.

PRECISION IS LISTED ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE UNDER THE TRADING SYMBOL "PD.UN" AND IN U.S. DOLLARS "PD.U" AND ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE UNDER THE TRADING SYMBOL "PDS".

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