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Form 8-K  
March 09, 2004

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): MARCH 5, 2004

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-13175  
(Commission File Number)

74-18  
(IRS E  
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ONE VALERO PLACE  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
(Address of principal executive offices)

78212  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (210) 370-2000

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ITEM 2. ACQUISITION OF ASSETS.

On February 4, 2004, Valero Energy Corporation ("Valero") and El Paso Corporation ("El Paso"), each through their respective subsidiaries, entered into agreements pursuant to which Valero agreed to purchase El Paso's refinery located on the island of Aruba in the Caribbean Sea and related marine, bunkering and marketing operations. The Aruba refinery has a total throughput capacity of approximately 315,000 barrels per day.

On March 5, 2004, Valero completed the purchase of the Aruba refinery and related marine, bunkering and marketing operations. The purchase price was \$465 million, plus \$162 million for working capital at closing. The working capital amount excludes certain inventories owned by a third-party marketing firm under an existing agreement, which Valero plans to acquire upon termination of such agreement (which will occur on or about May 4, 2004) for an amount estimated to be approximately \$40 million based on volumes and prices as of March 4, 2004. Consideration for the purchase was in the form of \$200 million in cash, \$21 million in borrowings under Valero's existing credit facilities and \$406 million in net proceeds from Valero's common equity offering completed in February 2004. The additional inventory to be purchased from the third-party marketing firm described above will be funded through borrowings under Valero's

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existing credit facilities.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Financial statements of business acquired.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

The financial statements and pro forma financial information required under Items 7. (a) and (b) are not included in this report and will be filed by amendment no later than 60 days after the due date of this report.

(c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
2.1	Stock Purchase Agreement dated February 4, 2004 among Coastal Stock Company Limited, Coastal Cayman Finance Ltd., Coastal Austral Ltd., Coastal TDF Ltd. and Valero Aruba Acquisition Company I, Ltd.
2.2	Stock Purchase Agreement effective as of February 4, 2004 between Coscol Petroleum Corporation and Valero Aruba Acquisition Company I, Ltd.

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.

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: March 9, 2004

By: /s/ Jay D. Browning

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 Jay D. Browning  
 Vice President and Secretary

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Acquisition Company I, Ltd.