

Gastar Exploration Inc.
Form 8-K
December 29, 2015

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): December 29, 2015 (December 22, 2015)

GASTAR EXPLORATION INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35211
(Commission

File Number)
1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650

38-3531640
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010

(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

SECTION 1 REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement

On December 22, 2015, Gastar Exploration Inc. (the Company) entered into Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (Amendment No. 6), among the Company, as Borrower, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, Swing Line Lender and Issuing Lender, and in its capacity as a Lender, and the other Lenders party thereto. Amendment No. 6 amended the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement) to permit the Company to exchange its outstanding notes constituting Second Lien Debt under the Credit Agreement for common equity interests in the Company.

A copy of Amendment No. 6 is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference and is hereby filed. The description of Amendment No. 6 in this Form 8-K is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such agreement.

Relationships

Certain parties to the Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 6, or their respective affiliates (collectively, the Banks), perform and have performed commercial and investment banking and advisory services for the Company from time to time for which they receive and have received customary fees and expenses. In addition, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, is the trustee for the Company's 8 5/8% Senior Secured Notes due May 2018. The Banks may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for the Company in the ordinary course of their business, for which they will receive fees and expenses.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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

| Exhibit No. | Description of Document |
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| 10.1 | Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated December 22, 2015. |
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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.

Date: December 29, 2015

GASTAR EXPLORATION INC.

By: /s/ J. Russell Porter
J. Russell Porter
President and Chief Executive Officer

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