

DEERE & CO
Form 8-K
December 23, 2013

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: December 23, 2013

(Date of earliest event reported)

DEERE & COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-4121
(Commission File Number)

36-2382580
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One John Deere Place

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Moline, Illinois 61265

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(309) 765-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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))

Item 8.01 Other Events

The following is the text of a press release issued by Deere & Company on December 23, 2013.

NEWS RELEASE

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Deere completes partial sale of landscapes business

MOLINE, Illinois (December 23, 2013) - Deere & Company (NYSE: DE) has completed its sale of a majority interest in its landscapes business to the private equity investment firm of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, LLC. In October, Deere had announced it would initially retain a 40 percent equity interest in John Deere Landscapes and sell the remainder to CDR. John Deere Landscapes has more than 2,000 employees at approximately 400 locations in 41 states.

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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 hereto duly authorized.

DEERE & COMPANY

By: */s/ Gregory R. Noe*
Gregory R. Noe
Secretary

Dated: December 23, 2013