

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD  
Form 8-K  
December 02, 2011

**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 2, 2011**

**GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.**  
**GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**ALBERTA, CANADA**

**001-32714**

**98-0570897**

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-35211**  
(Commission  
File Number)  
**1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650**

**38-3531640**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**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):

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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))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 2, 2011, Gastar Exploration USA, Inc. ( Gastar USA ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the Company ), together with the Company and certain of its subsidiaries as guarantors (collectively, the Guarantors ), the lenders party thereto (the Lenders ), and Amegy Bank National Association as administrative agent (the Administrative Agent and, together with Gastar USA, the Guarantors and the Lenders, the Parties ), entered into the Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, effective as of November 10, 2011 (the Fourth Amendment ) amending that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated October 28, 2009 (as amended by that certain Consent and First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated November 20, 2009, that certain Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated June 24, 2010, and that certain Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated June 14, 2011, and as further amended by this Fourth Amendment, the Credit Agreement ). The Fourth Amendment amended the Credit Agreement, by, among other things, (i) extending the maturity date on borrowings under the Credit Agreement to September 30, 2015; (ii) allowing Gastar USA to hedge up to 100% of the proved developed producing ( PDP ) reserves reflected in its Reserve Report using hedging other than floors and protective spreads; and (iii) allowing no more than ten separate LIBO Rate Loans to be outstanding at one time.

The foregoing description of the Fourth Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 10.5 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated into this Item 1.01 by reference. All capitalized terms used in this Item 1.01 not otherwise defined have the meanings as defined in the Credit Agreement. A copy of the Credit Agreement and First Amendment, Second Amendment and Third Amendment thereto, previously filed as exhibits to the Company s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on November 3, 2009, November 25, 2009, June 28, 2010 and June 15, 2011 respectively, are incorporated into this Item 1.01 by reference.

**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
10.1	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2009, by and among Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, Amegy Bank National Association, as Administrative Agent and Letter of Credit Issuer, BMO Capital Markets Corp., as Co-Lead Arranger and Joint Bookrunner, and the Lenders party thereto (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 3, 2009).
10.2	Consent and First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated November 20, 2009, by and among Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto, and Amegy Bank National Association, as Administrative Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 25, 2009).
10.3	Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated June 24, 2010, by and among Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and Amegy Bank National Association, as Administrative Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 28, 2010).
10.4	Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated June 14, 2011, by and among Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and Amegy Bank National Association, as Administrative Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 15, 2011).
10.5	Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, effective as of November 10, 2011, by and among Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and Amegy Bank National Association, as Administrative Agent.

**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 2, 2011

**GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.**

By: /s/ J. Russell Porter  
J. Russell Porter

President and Chief Executive Officer

**GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.**

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President

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