GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD Form 8-K May 07, 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 (Date of earliest event reported): May 7, 2013 (May 7, 2013)

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD. GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.

 $(Exact\ Name\ of\ Registrant\ as\ Specified\ in\ its\ Charter)$

Alberta, Canada
98-0570897
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)
Identification No.)

1331 Lamar Street, Suite 650

Houston, Texas
(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):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 8 OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 7, 2013, Gastar Exploration USA, Inc. issued a press release announcing its intent to offer \$200 million of senior secured notes due 2018 in a private placement to eligible purchasers. A copy of the press release, dated May 7, 2013, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

99.1 Press Release dated May 7, 2013.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 7, 2013 GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

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

GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.

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

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