DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC Form 8-K September 14, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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) September 14, 2009

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 000-24620 36-2495346

(IRS
(State or Other Employer
Jurisdiction (Commission Identification
of Incorporation) File Number) No.)

251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD., SUITE 300, IRVING, TEXAS (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 717-0300

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)
- // Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- // 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 8.01 Other Events.

On September 14, 2009, Darling International Inc. ("Darling") issued a press release announcing that it has joined with a subsidiary of Valero Energy Corporation ("Valero") to take initial steps towards the formation of a joint venture to build a facility capable of producing renewable diesel on a site adjacent to Valero's St. Charles refinery near Norco, Louisiana and that Darling and Valero will jointly seek a loan guarantee for the proposed joint venture from the U.S. Department of Energy under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. A decision to move forward with the joint venture project is subject to a number of contingencies, including, without limitation, securing appropriate funding and approval of both parties' boards of directors. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

 $99.1 \frac{\text{Press Release dated September 14, 2009 (furnished pursuant to Item 8.01).}}{\text{Item 8.01)}$

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.

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC.

Date: September By:

/s/ John F. Sterling

14, 2009

John F. Sterling

Executive Vice President and

General Counsel

EXHIBIT LIST

99.1 Press Release dated September 14, 2009 (furnished pursuant to Item 8.01).