

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD  
Form 8-K  
May 10, 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 10, 2013

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  | 001-35211                   | 38-3531640                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 650<br>Houston, Texas | 77010      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)       | (ZIP Code) |

(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 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))



SECTION 8 – OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 10, 2013, Gastar Exploration USA, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has priced its private placement of senior secured notes due 2018 to eligible purchasers, which are expected to be eligible for resale under Rule 144A or Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. A copy of the press release, dated May 10, 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 |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by Gastar Exploration USA, Inc. dated May 10, 2013. |
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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 10, 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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