

Gastar Exploration Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2016

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 23, 2016 (May 17, 2016)

GASTAR EXPLORATION INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE	001-35211	38-3531640
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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SECTION 8 – OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Effective May 17, 2016, Wilmington Trust, National Association (“Wilmington Trust”) was appointed as successor trustee and collateral agent under Gastar Exploration Inc.’s indenture, dated as of May 15, 2013 (the “Indenture”). Wilmington Trust succeeds Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (“Wells Fargo”) as trustee and collateral agent under the Indenture. Effective May 31, 2016, Wilmington Trust will be appointed to replace Wells Fargo as paying agent, registrar and note custodian under the Indenture. The address of the corporate trust office for Wilmington Trust is 15950 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 550, Dallas, Texas 75248.

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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.

GASTAR  
EXPLORATION

Date: May 23, 2016 INC.

/s/ J. Russell

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