GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD Form 8-K April 01, 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): April 1, 2013

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD. GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Alberta, Canada 98-0570897
Delaware 38-3531640
(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)

77010 (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)
- " 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))

SECTION 7 REGULATION FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 1, 2013, Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the Company) announced that it has entered into definitive agreements to (i) acquire proved reserves and undeveloped leasehold interests in Kingfisher and Canadian counties, Oklahoma from Chesapeake Energy Corporation, (ii) repurchase approximately 6.8 million common shares of the Company owned by Chesapeake (approximately 9.9% of the Company s total outstanding common shares) and (iii) settle all litigation, for a total of \$85 million. The Company also announced that its management team will hold a conference call with an accompanying slide presentation to review the transaction on Monday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The slide presentation can be viewed and downloaded by going to the Investor Relations section of the Company s website at www.gastar.com. A copy of the Company s press release, dated April 1, 2013, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information presented herein under Item 7.01 and set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be furnished solely pursuant to Item 7.01 of this report and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information or the exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

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 April 1, 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: April 1, 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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