

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2012

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): August 1, 2012 (July 30, 2012)

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.  
GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

ALBERTA, CANADA 001-32714 98-0570897  
DELAWARE 001-35211 38-3531640  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation) File Number) 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)

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))

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SECTION 7 – REGULATION FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 30, 2012, Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the “Company”) announced that a mechanical failure and fire occurred at the third-party operated central receipt point that compresses and gathers all of the Company’s production in Marshall County, West Virginia on July 26, 2012, resulting in an immediate shut-down of operations. A copy of the Company’s press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On August 1, 2012, the Company announced that Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has declared a monthly cash dividend on its 8.625% Series A Preferred Stock for August 2012. A copy of the Company’s press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 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 exhibits are 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 exhibits 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 July 30, 2012.  |
| 99.2        | Press release dated August 1, 2012. |

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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: August 1, 2012

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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