

TENNECO INC  
Form 8-K  
January 13, 2011

**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): January 13, 2011 (January 13, 2011)  
TENNECO INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

1-12387  
(Commission File Number)

76-0515284  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST,  
ILLINOIS

60045

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.**

On January 13, 2011, Tenneco Inc. ( Tenneco ) commenced an offer to exchange up to \$225 million principal amount of 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes due 2018, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, for and in replacement of all outstanding 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes due 2018, which were issued on August 3, 2010 in a private placement.

The offer is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions included in the company's Prospectus dated January 13, 2011. The terms of the new notes are substantially identical to the terms of the notes for which they are being exchanged, except that the transfer restrictions and registration rights applicable to the original notes generally do not apply to the new notes.

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on February 11, 2011, unless extended by Tenneco. Copies of the prospectus and other information relating to this exchange offer, including transmittal materials, may be obtained from the exchange agent, U.S. Bank Corporate Trust Services, Attn: Lori Buckles, Specialized Finance Department, 60 Livingston Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55107.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities of Tenneco Inc. nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state.

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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.

**TENNECO INC.**

Date: January 13, 2011

By: /s/ James D. Harrington  
James D. Harrington  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary