

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 425
July 30, 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): **July 30, 2012**

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13395

56-201079

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4401 Colwick Road

28211

Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(704) 566-2400**

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 30, 2012, Sonic Automotive, Inc. (Sonic) issued a press release announcing the expiration and final results of its exchange offer to purchase for cash and shares of its Class A common stock all of its outstanding 5.0% Convertible Senior Notes due 2029.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated July 30, 2012

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.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss
Stephen K. Coss
Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

Dated: July 30, 2012

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
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