

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 425
June 25, 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): June 25, 2012

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13395

(Commission File Number)

56-201079

(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

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

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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 June 25, 2012, Sonic Automotive, Inc. announced the commencement of an 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 (the Notes). A copy of the press release relating to this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed an offer to purchase or a solicitation of tenders for the Notes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated June 25, 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: June 25, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated June 25, 2012