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# 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 Percent (Date of earliest event reported): January 6, 20

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### MERRIMAN HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-15831 11-2936371 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

600 California Street, 9th Floor, 94108
San Francisco, California (Zip Code)

( Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (415) 248-5600

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) Merriman Curhan Ford Group, Inc.

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Item Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;

5.02 Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

## (b) Resignation of Director

Andrew Arno resigned from the Company's Board of Directors, effective January 6, 2011. There were no disagreements with the Company. Mr. Arno also resigned his position as Head of Equity Capital Markets of our subsidiary Merriman Capital, Inc., effective January 6, 2011.

### (d) Election of Director

On January 6, 2011 Alex Seiler, the Chief Executive Officer of Merriman Capital, Inc., was elected to the Company's Board of Directors by the other Board members to serve until the next stockholder meeting at which directors are elected. Mr. Seiler was selected by our former Board member, Andrew Arno, to fill a seat reserved for election by the holders of our Series D Preferred. Mr. Arno has the right to nominate one member of our Board of Directors, and all of the holders of the Series D Preferred contractually agreed to vote in favor of such nominee at any meeting of stockholders at which directors are elected, pursuant to our Investors Rights Agreement dated August 27, 2010, which was filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the 8-K/A filed on September 2, 2009.

Item Exhibits 9.01(d)

99.1 Press Release announcing appointment of Alex Seiler to, and the resignation of Andrew Arno from, the Company's Board of Directors.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

MERRIMAN HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: January 11, 2011 By: /s/ D. JONATHAN

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D. Jonathan Merriman Chief Executive Officer