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ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC Form 8-K January 31, 2013 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

January 30, 2013

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13447 (Commission File Number) 22-3479661 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1211 Avenue of the Americas Suite 2902 New York, New York 10036 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Item 7.01 Regulation F-D Disclosure.

On January 31, 2013, Annaly Capital Management, Inc. ("Annaly") issued a press release announcing that Annaly has entered into the Agreement and Plan of Merger described in Item 8.01. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 30, 2013, Annaly entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with CreXus Investment Corp. and CXS Acquisition Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Annaly. A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description of Document

- 99.1 Press Release dated January 31, 2013 (being furnished, not filed)
- Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 30, 2013, among Annaly Capital Management, Inc., CreXus Investment Corp. and CXS Acquisition Corporation

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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.

Date: January 31, 2013 Annaly Capital Management, Inc.

By: /s/ R. Nicolas Singh, Esq.
Name: R. Nicolas Singh, Esq.
Title: Chief Legal Officer