

Gastar Exploration Inc.
Form 8-K
May 11, 2016

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): May 11, 2016 (May 11, 2016)

GASTAR EXPLORATION INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE	001-35211	38-3531640
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 8 - OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 11, 2016, Gastar Exploration Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its intent to offer, subject to market and other conditions, 40,000,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, in an underwritten public offering pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and effective as of February 24, 2014. In connection with the offering, the Company intends to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 6,000,000 shares of common stock. A copy of the Company’s press release, dated May 11, 2016, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description of Document
99.1	Press release dated May 11, 2016.

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.

GASTAR
EXPLORATION

Date: May 11, 2016 INC.

/s/ J. Russell
By: Porter
J. Russell Porter
President and
Chief Executive
Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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