
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): January 6, 2012



CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1-16383

(Commission File Number)

95-4352386

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**700 Milam Street
Suite 800**

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77002

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 375-5000**

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER
EVENTS.**

On January 6, 2012, Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that Cheniere Subsidiary Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“Subsidiary Holdings”), has repaid in full all amounts outstanding under that certain credit agreement, dated as of May 31, 2007, by and among Subsidiary Holdings, Perry Principals Investments LLC, as joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner, the several lenders from time to time party thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as administrative agent. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number **Description**

99.1* Press Release, dated January 6, 2012.

* Filed herewith.

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.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

/s/ MEG A. GENTLE

Meg A. Gentle
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 6, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. NEWS RELEASE

Cheniere Announces Early Repayment of the 2007 Term Loan

Houston, Texas – January 6, 2012, Cheniere Energy, Inc. (“Cheniere”) (NYSE Amex: LNG) announced today that its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Cheniere Subsidiary Holdings, LLC, has repaid in full the entire outstanding principal balance of \$298.0 million plus accrued and unpaid interest payable under the 2007 Term Loan due May 31, 2012 (“Term Loan”). Cheniere used a portion of the net proceeds received from the equity offering transacted in December 2011 to repay the Term Loan. The aggregate repayment amount was \$298.2 million, including the outstanding principal amount and accrued interest through January 5, 2012.

The repayment of the Term Loan reduces the outstanding debt maturities of Cheniere due in 2012 to \$204.5 million, releases the subordinated units of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. held as collateral for the Term Loan and results in the reduction of future interest obligations of \$11.6 million that would have otherwise been payable through the Term Loan maturity. Cheniere’s total outstanding indebtedness, excluding indebtedness of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and its subsidiaries, has been reduced to \$486.8 million.

Cheniere is a Houston-based energy company primarily engaged in LNG related businesses, and owns and operates the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and Creole Trail pipeline in Louisiana. Cheniere is pursuing related business opportunities both upstream and downstream of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. Through its subsidiary, Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P., Cheniere has initiated a project to add liquefaction services that would transform the Sabine Pass LNG terminal into a bi-directional facility capable of liquefying natural gas and exporting LNG in addition to importing and regasifying foreign-sourced LNG. As currently contemplated, the liquefaction project would be designed and permitted for up to four LNG trains, each with a nominal production capacity of approximately 4.5 million metric tons per annum.

This press release contains certain statements that may include “forward-looking statements” within the meanings of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included herein are “forward-looking statements.” Included among “forward-looking statements” are, among other things, (i) statements regarding Cheniere’s business strategy, plans and objectives and (ii) statements expressing beliefs and expectations regarding the development of Cheniere’s LNG terminal and pipeline businesses, including liquefaction services. Although Cheniere believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, they do involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Cheniere’s actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed in Cheniere’s periodic reports that are filed with and available from the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Other than as required under the securities laws, Cheniere does not assume a duty to update these forward-looking statements.

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