

W R GRACE & CO
Form 8-K
December 23, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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) December 23, 2013

W. R. GRACE & CO.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-13953
(Commission File Number)

65-0773649
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7500 Grace Drive
Columbia, Maryland
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

21044
(Zip Code)

(410) 531-4000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 23, 2013, W. R. Grace & Co. entered into an agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") to settle the final appeal pending in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy with the holders of the company's pre-petition bank debt (the "Bank Lenders"). The Settlement Agreement calls for Grace to pay the Bank Lenders \$129 million, plus interest from December 31, 2013, in addition to the distributions provided in Grace's Joint Plan of Reorganization.

The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Grace's co-proponents of the Joint Plan, including the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders, support the settlement.

The effectiveness of the Joint Plan is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of a number of conditions precedent, including the condition that the order confirming the Joint Plan become final and non-appealable. Upon approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Bankruptcy Court, the Bank Lenders are required to withdraw their appeal, which will result in the satisfaction of such condition. Grace continues to target January 31, 2014 for emergence from Chapter 11.

See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Grace's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013 for a description of Grace's Chapter 11 case.

This report, including the exhibits hereto, contains forward-looking statements, that is, information related to future, not past, events. Such statements generally include the words "believes," "plans," "intends," "targets," "will," "expects," "suggests," "anticipates," "outlook," "continues" or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, all statements regarding Grace's Chapter 11 case; expected financial positions; results of operations; cash flows; financing plans; business strategy; budgets; capital and other expenditures; competitive positions; growth opportunities for existing products; benefits from new technology and cost reduction initiatives, plans and objectives; and markets for securities. For these statements, Grace claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Like other businesses, Grace is subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause its actual results to differ materially from its projections or that could cause other forward-looking statements to prove incorrect. Factors that could cause actual results to materially differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements include, without limitation: developments affecting Grace's bankruptcy, propose plan of reorganization and settlements with certain creditors, the cost and availability of raw materials (including rare earth) and energy, developments affecting Grace's underfunded and unfunded pension obligations, risks related to foreign operations, especially in emerging region, acquisitions and divestitures of assets and gains and losses from dispositions or impairments, the effectiveness of its research and development and growth investments, its legal and environmental proceedings, costs of compliance with environmental regulation and those factors set forth in Grace's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly report on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are readily available on the Internet at www.sec.gov. Reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on Grace's projections and forward-looking statements, which speak only as the date thereof. Grace undertakes no obligation to publicly release any revision to the projections and forward-looking statements contained in this report, or to update them to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

W. R. GRACE & CO.
(Registrant)

By /s/ Hudson La Force III

Hudson La Force III
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 23, 2013