

AVATAR HOLDINGS INC
Form 8-K
December 23, 2009

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):

December 21, 2009

Avatar Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-07395

23-1739078

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

201 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida

33134

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

1-305-442-7000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 December 21, 2009, Avatar Holdings Inc.'s ("Avatar") wholly-owned subsidiary, Avatar Properties Inc. ("Properties"), entered into three separate agreements with unrelated third parties providing for the formation of three separate limited liability companies ("LLCs"). Properties and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Banyan Bay Development Corporation ("Banyan Bay"), subsequently sold developed, partially-developed and undeveloped land to each of the newly formed companies. Properties acquired a minority financial interest in each of the LLCs and participates in the management of each of the LLCs.

In addition, on December 11, 2009, Frenchman's Yacht Club Developers, LLC, a Florida limited liability company in which Properties is the sole member, sold its interest in the proposed development known as Frenchman's Yacht Club to an unrelated third party.

These transactions generated aggregate sales proceeds of approximately \$9.2 million comprised of cash and purchase money notes. These transactions are also anticipated to, but there can be no assurance that they will, result in a Federal income tax refund of approximately \$22.2 million, thereby resulting in total benefit to Avatar of approximately \$31.4 million. These assets had an aggregate book value of approximately \$24 million.

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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.

Avatar Holdings Inc.

December 23, 2009

By: *JUANITA I. KERRIGAN*

Name: JUANITA I. KERRIGAN
Title: Vice President and Secretary