

iShares Silver Trust  
Form 8-K  
April 13, 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): April 9, 2009**

**iShares<sup>®</sup> Silver Trust**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-32863**  
(Commission File Number)

**c/o Barclays Global Investors International, Inc.**

**400 Howard Street**

**13-7474456**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**San Francisco, California 94105**

**Attn: BGI's Product Management Team**

**Intermediary Investor and Exchange-Traded Products Department**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 597-2000**

**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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On April 9, 2009, Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited, the parent company of Barclays Global Investors International, Inc., the sponsor of the iShares® Silver Trust (the Trust), entered into an agreement which contemplates the sale of its interest in the sponsor and certain affiliated entities to Blue Sparkle, L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership. Blue Sparkle, L.P. is an investment vehicle for private equity funds affiliated with CVC Capital Partners Group SICAV-FIS S.A., a private equity and investment advisory firm. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated April 9, 2009

**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.

Date: April 13, 2009

**iShares® Silver Trust\***

By: Barclays Global Investors International, Inc.

By: /s/ Geoffrey Flynn

Name: Geoffrey Flynn

Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Raymund Santiago

Name: Raymund Santiago

Title: Principal

\* The registrant is a trust. The individuals specified above are signing in their capacities as officers of Barclays Global Investors International, Inc., the sponsor of the trust.