

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A
CURRENT REPORT

(Amendment No. 1)

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 23, 2012

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13395

(Commission File Number)

56-201079

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4401 Colwick Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

28211

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(704) 566-2400**

N/A

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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))

Explanatory note: This Amendment No. 1 to Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed to correct information contained in Exhibit 99.3 to the original filing. The other information reported in the original filing is not being revised by this amendment.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 23, 2012, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend payable on October 15, 2012. A copy of the press release was filed as Exhibit 99.3 to the original filing of the Current Report on Form 8-K. That press release erroneously stated that the record date for this quarterly cash dividend would be September 15, 2012.

The record date for the quarterly cash dividend payable on October 15, 2012 will be September 14, 2012 (rather than September 15, 2012). This amendment to Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed to correct this error.

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.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss

Stephen K. Coss
Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

Dated: July 23, 2012