

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.
Form 8-K
December 05, 2012

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 5, 2012**

PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware **000-21467** **41-2170618**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2060

Sacramento, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

95814

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (916) 403-2123

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o 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 December 5, 2012, Pacific Ethanol, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it received a letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market (“NASDAQ”) on December 5, 2012, granting a further 180-day period in which to regain compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2), which requires listed securities to maintain a minimum closing bid price of at least \$1.00 per share.

A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

(c) Shell company transactions.

Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 5, 2012

SIGNATURE

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: December 5, 2012 PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

By: /S/ CHRISTOPHER W. WRIGHT
Christopher W. Wright
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBITS FILED WITH THIS REPORT

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated December 5, 2012