

DRIL-QUIP INC  
Form 8-A12B  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**DRIL-QUIP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State of incorporation

or organization)

**74-2162088**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**13550 Hempstead Highway**

**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77040**  
(Zip code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered  
**Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock**

Name of each exchange on which each

class is to be registered  
**New York Stock Exchange, Inc.**

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If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **Not Applicable.**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None.**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

On November 24, 2008, the Board of Directors of Dril-Quip, Inc. (the Company) declared a dividend of one right (Right) for each outstanding share of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Common Stock), to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 5, 2008. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company a unit consisting of one one-hundredth of a share (a Fractional Share) of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Preferred Stock), at a purchase price of \$100 per Fractional Share, subject to adjustment (the Purchase Price). The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement dated as of November 24, 2008 as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended (the Rights Agreement) between the Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent.

Initially, the Rights will be evidenced by the certificates for Common Stock registered in the names of the holders of the Common Stock or, for Common Stock held in book-entry accounts through the direct registration service of the Company's transfer agent, by such book-entry accounts (together with a direct registration transaction advice with respect to such shares), and no separate certificates for the Rights (Rights Certificates) will be distributed. The Rights will separate from the Common Stock and a Distribution Date will occur, with certain exceptions, upon the earlier of (i) ten days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (an Acquiring Person) has acquired, or obtained the right to acquire, beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (the date of the announcement being the Stock Acquisition Date), or (ii) ten business days following the commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer that would result in a person's becoming an Acquiring Person. In certain circumstances, the Distribution Date may be deferred by the Board of Directors. Certain inadvertent acquisitions will not result in a person's becoming an Acquiring Person if the person promptly divests itself of sufficient Common Stock. If at the time of the adoption of the Rights Agreement, any person or group of affiliated or associated persons is the beneficial owner of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, such person shall not become an Acquiring Person unless and until certain increases in such person's beneficial ownership occur or are deemed to occur. Additionally, none of (a) Larry E. Reimert, Gary D. Smith, J. Mike Walker, Reimert Family Partners, Ltd. and Four Smith's Company, Ltd. (the Major Stockholders) or any transferee of Common Stock (an Individual Major Stockholder Transferee) previously owned by any of Larry E. Reimert, Gary D. Smith or J. Mike Walker (each, an Individual Major Stockholder) if (x) such transferee receives such Common Stock directly from an Individual Major Stockholder by will or intestate succession or (y) such transfer is made (A) directly from an Individual Major Stockholder or an Individual Major Stockholder Transferee to a spouse, sibling or lineal descendant or lineal descendant of a spouse of an Individual Major Stockholder or (B) directly from an Individual Major Stockholder or from an Individual Major Stockholder Transferee for estate planning purposes to a trust, family partnership, family limited liability company or similar family-related or family-controlled entity, all of the interests of which are owned by an Individual Major Stockholder, a spouse, sibling or lineal descendant of an Individual Major Stockholder or lineal descendant of a spouse of an Individual Major Stockholder or any distributees under the will of any of the foregoing persons, successors of such persons by intestate succession or trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing persons (an Estate Planning Vehicle), (b) any affiliate associate of any Major Stockholder or Individual Major Stockholder Transferee, or (c) group (as that term

is used in Rule 13d-5(b) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as in effect on the date of the Rights Agreement) consisting solely of such persons specified in (a) or (b), any of their spouses, siblings, lineal descendants or lineal descendants of a spouse, and any other person who is not, or persons who collectively are not, the beneficial owner of shares of Common Stock constituting 1% or more of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock will be deemed to be an Acquiring Person unless and until certain increases in such person's beneficial ownership occur or are deemed to occur. A group shall not be deemed to exist and persons shall not be deemed to be acting in concert, solely because one or more persons in the group is an officer, director or employee of the Company, and officers, directors and employees of the Company shall not be deemed to be affiliates or associates of one another solely by reason of such positions. Reimert Family Partners, Ltd. shall cease to be a Major Stockholder at such time as all of the interests in such partnership are not owned by Larry E. Reimert, his spouse, siblings, lineal descendants, lineal descendants of his spouse, any distributees under the will of any of the foregoing persons, successors of such persons by intestate succession and trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing persons. Four Smith's Company, Ltd. shall cease to be a Major Stockholder at such time as all of the interests in such partnership are not owned by Gary D. Smith, his spouse, siblings, lineal descendants, lineal descendants of his spouse, any distributees under the will of any of the foregoing persons, successors of such persons by intestate succession, and trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing persons. An Estate Planning Vehicle shall cease to be an Individual Major Stockholder Transferee at such time as all of the interests therein cease to be owned by an Individual Major Stockholder, a spouse, sibling or lineal descendant of an Individual Major Stockholder or a lineal descendant of a spouse of an Individual Major Stockholder or any distributees under the will of any of the foregoing persons, successors of such persons by intestate succession or trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing persons.

Until the Distribution Date, (a) the Rights will be evidenced by the Common Stock certificates (together with a copy of the Summary of Rights (as defined in the Rights Agreement) or bearing the notation referred to below) or, for Common Stock held in book-entry accounts through the direct registration service of the Company's transfer agent, by such book-entry accounts (together with a direct registration transaction advice with respect to such shares), and the Rights will be transferred with and only with such Common Stock certificates, (b) new Common Stock certificates issued after December 5, 2008 will contain a notation incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference and (c) the surrender for transfer of any certificate for Common Stock (with or without a copy of the Summary of Rights) will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the Common Stock represented by such certificate.

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date and will expire at the close of business on November 24, 2018, unless earlier redeemed or exchanged by the Company as described below.

As soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, Rights Certificates will be mailed to holders of record of Common Stock as of the close of business on the Distribution Date and, from and after the Distribution Date, the separate Rights Certificates alone will represent the Rights. All shares of Common Stock issued prior to the Distribution Date will be issued with Rights. Shares of Common Stock issued after the Distribution Date in connection with certain employee benefit plans or upon conversion of certain securities will be issued with

Rights. Except as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, no other shares of Common Stock issued after the Distribution Date will be issued with Rights. In the event the Company elects to distribute any Rights by crediting book-entry accounts, the provisions described in this summary that reference Rights Certificates will be interpreted to reflect that the Rights are credits to the book-entry accounts, that separate Rights Certificates are not issued with respect to some or all of the Rights, and that any legend required on a Rights Certificate may be placed on the direct registration transaction advice with respect to certain Rights.

In the event (a Flip-In Event ) that a person becomes an Acquiring Person (except pursuant to a tender or exchange offer for all outstanding shares of Common Stock at a price and on terms that a majority of the independent directors of the Company determines to be fair to and otherwise in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders (a Permitted Offer )), each holder of a Right will thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise of such Right, a number of shares of Common Stock (or, in certain circumstances, cash, property or other securities of the Company) having a Current Market Price (as defined in the Rights Agreement) equal to two times the exercise price of the Right.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, following the occurrence of any Triggering Event, all Rights that are, or (under certain circumstances specified in the Rights Agreement) were, beneficially owned by or transferred to an Acquiring Person (or by certain related parties) will be null and void in the circumstances set forth in the Rights Agreement. However, Rights are not exercisable following the occurrence of any Flip-In Event until such time as the Rights are no longer redeemable by the Company as set forth below.

In the event (a Flip-Over Event ) that, at any time from and after the time an Acquiring Person becomes such, (i) the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction (other than certain mergers that follow a Permitted Offer), or (ii) 50% or more of the Company's assets, cash flow or earning power is sold or transferred, each holder of a Right (except Rights that are voided as set forth above) shall thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise, a number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company having a Current Market Price equal to two times the exercise price of the Right. Flip-In Events and Flip-Over Events are collectively referred to as Triggering Events.

The number of outstanding Rights associated with a share of Common Stock, or the number of Fractional Shares of Preferred Stock issuable upon exercise of a Right and the Purchase Price, are subject to adjustment in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Common Stock occurring prior to the Distribution Date. The Purchase Price payable, and the number of Fractional Shares of Preferred Stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights are subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution in the event of certain transactions affecting the Preferred Stock.

With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments amount to at least 1% of the Purchase Price. No fractional shares of Preferred Stock that are not integral multiples of a Fractional Share are required to be issued upon exercise of Rights and, in lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash may be made based on the market price of the Preferred Stock on the last trading date prior to the date of exercise. Pursuant to the Rights Agreement, the Company reserves the right to require prior to the occurrence of a

Triggering Event that, upon any exercise of Rights, a number of Rights be exercised so that only whole shares of Preferred Stock will be issued.

At any time until ten days following the first date of public announcement of the occurrence of a Flip-In Event, the Company may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per Right, payable, at the option of the Company, in cash, shares of Common Stock or such other consideration as the Board of Directors may determine. After a person becomes an Acquiring Person, the right of redemption is subject to certain limitations in the Rights Agreement. Immediately upon the effectiveness of the action of the Board of Directors ordering redemption of the Rights, the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the \$0.01 redemption price. The Rights Agreement does not prevent a stockholder from conducting a proxy contest to remove and replace the Board with directors who then vote to redeem the Rights, if such actions are taken prior to the time that such stockholder becomes an Acquiring Person.

At any time after the occurrence of a Flip-In Event and prior to a person's becoming the beneficial owner of 50% or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding or the occurrence of a Flip-Over Event, the Company may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by an Acquiring Person or an affiliate or an associate of an Acquiring Person, which will have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of Common Stock, and/or other equity securities deemed to have the same value as one share of Common Stock, per Right, subject to adjustment.

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends. While the distribution of the Rights should not be taxable to stockholders or to the Company, stockholders may, depending upon the circumstances, recognize taxable income in the event that the Rights become exercisable for Common Stock (or other consideration) of the Company or for the common stock of the acquiring company as set forth above or are exchanged as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Other than the redemption price, any of the provisions of the Rights Agreement may be amended by the Board of Directors of the Company as long as the Rights are redeemable. Thereafter, the provisions of the Rights Agreement other than the redemption price may be amended by the Board of Directors in order to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency, to make changes that do not materially adversely affect the interests of holders of Rights (excluding the interests of any Acquiring Person), or to shorten or lengthen any time period under the Rights Agreement; provided, however, that no amendment to lengthen the time period governing redemption shall be made at such time as the Rights are not redeemable.

A copy of the Rights Agreement has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to this Registration Statement on Form 8-A. A copy of the Rights Agreement is available free of charge from the Company and the Rights Agent. This summary description of the Rights does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Rights Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

- 4.1 Rights Agreement dated as of November 24, 2008 between Dril-Quip, Inc. and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent, which includes as Exhibit A the form of Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock setting forth the terms of the Preferred Stock, as Exhibit B the form of Rights Certificate and as Exhibit C the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 24, 2008 (File No. 001-13439).) Pursuant to the Rights Agreement, Rights Certificates will not be mailed until after the Distribution Date (as defined in the Rights Agreement).

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**DRIL-QUIP, INC.**

Date: November 25, 2008

By: /s/ Gary D. Smith  
Gary D. Smith  
Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive  
  
Officer

**Index to Exhibits**

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