

ADA-ES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2010

**U.S. 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 20, 2010**

**ADA-ES, INC.**

**(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Colorado**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**000-50216**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**8100 SouthPark Way, Unit B, Littleton, Colorado 80120**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**

**84-1457385**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification Number)**

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303)734-1727

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement  
Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release

On December 20, 2010, we, ADA-ES, Inc. ( ADA ), entered into a Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the Settlement Agreement ) with Calgon Carbon Corporation ( Calgon ) to settle all claims and end all outstanding litigation between the parties as previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2010, which are hereby incorporated by reference. In order to avoid or minimize the expense, inconvenience and distraction of further litigation between the parties as a result of Calgon 's appeal, we agreed to settle all claims related to the litigation as provided for in the Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Calgon paid \$7.2 million to ADA in full payment and satisfaction of the judgment ADA was awarded and all claims relating to the March 20, 2007 Memorandum of Understanding between ADA and Calgon ( MOU ). In addition, each party provided the other with full releases of all claims related to and arising out of the litigation and the MOU. The terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement are confidential, subject to certain exceptions. ADA will recognize the settlement payment, net of certain contingent defense costs, as other income in the 2010 fiscal year.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 21, 2010

**ADA-ES, Inc.**

Registrant

/s/ Mark H. McKinnies  
Mark H. McKinnies  
Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer