

H&E Equipment Services, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 01, 2012

**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): 03/01/2012**

**H&E Equipment Services, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 000-51759

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction)

81-0553291  
(IRS Employer)

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of incorporation)

Identification No.)

11100 Mead Road, Suite 200

Baton Rouge, LA 70816

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(225) 298-5200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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.**

On February 29, 2012, H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (the Company) amended its existing \$320.0 million senior secured credit facility with General Electric Capital Corporation as administrative agent that matures on July 29, 2015, entering into Amendment No. 1 (the Amendment) to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, the other credit parties named therein, the lenders named therein, General Electric Capital Corporation, as administrative agent, Bank of America, N.A. as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent (the Credit Agreement).

The Amendment, among other things, (i) permits the refinancing of the Company's 8 3/8% senior unsecured notes due 2016 in an amount not less than \$200.0 million and not greater than the outstanding principal amount of such notes at the time of such refinancing and with no amortization or final maturity prior to the date six months following the maturity of the Credit Agreement, (ii) extends the maturity date of the credit facility from July 29, 2015 to the earlier to occur of, *inter alia*, February 29, 2017, and, unless previously refinanced, the date that is six months prior to the maturity of the senior unsecured notes (giving effect to any extensions thereof), (iii) provides that the unused commitment fee margin will be either 0.50% or 0.375%, depending on the ratio of the average of the daily closing balances of the aggregate revolving loans, swing line loans and letters of credit outstanding during each month to the aggregate commitments for the revolving loans, swing line loans and letters of credit, (iv) lowers the interest rate (a) in the case of index rate revolving loans, to the index rate plus an applicable margin of 1.00% to 1.50% depending on the leverage ratio and (b) in the case of LIBOR revolving loans, to LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 2.00% to 2.50%, depending on the leverage ratio, (v) lowers the margin applicable to the letter of credit fee to between 2.00% and 2.50%, depending on the leverage ratio, and (vi) adds provisions whereby the Company represents that it, its subsidiaries and other related parties are in compliance with federal anti-terrorism laws and regulations.

The credit facility, as amended, continues to provide, among other things, a \$320.0 million senior secured asset based revolver, which includes a \$30.0 million letter of credit facility and a \$130.0 million incremental facility. In addition, the borrowers under the credit facility remain the same, the credit facility remains secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, and the Company and each of its subsidiaries continue to provide a guaranty of the obligations under the credit facility.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information included in item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

10.1 Amendment No. 1, dated February 29, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto.

**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: March 01, 2012

By: /s/ Leslie S. Magee  
Leslie S. Magee  
Chief Financial Officer