

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD  
Form 8-K  
May 04, 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): May 4, 2012

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

**GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| ALBERTA, CANADA   | 001-32714 | 98-0570897 |
| DELAWARE  | 001-35211 | 38-3531640 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) |           |            |

**1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650**

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(713) 739-1800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. 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))

## **SECTION 7 – REGULATION FD**

### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On May 4, 2012, Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the “Company”) announced that Gastar Exploration USA, Inc., the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has declared a monthly cash dividend on its 8.625% Series A Preferred Stock for May 2012. A copy of the Company’s press release, dated May 4, 2012, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information presented herein under Item 7.01 and set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be “furnished” solely pursuant to Item 7.01 of this report and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information or the exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

## **SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

#### **(d) Exhibits**

The following is a list of exhibits furnished as part of this Form 8-K:

| Exhibit No. | Description of Document          |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press release dated May 4, 2012. |

SIGNATURES

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

Date: May 4, 2012

**GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.**

By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER  
J. Russell Porter  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**GASTAR EXPLORATION USA, INC.**

By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER  
J. Russell Porter  
President

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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