

Gastar Exploration Inc.
Form 8-K
May 10, 2018

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 10, 2018

GASTAR EXPLORATION INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 001-35211 38-3531640
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
of incorporation) Identification No.)

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 739-1800
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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)

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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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

SECTION 2 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 10, 2018, Gastar Exploration Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the Company’s financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2018. A copy of the Company’s press release, dated May 10, 2018, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 2.02 by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information presented herein under Item 2.02 and set forth in the attached press release included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report is deemed to be “furnished” solely pursuant to Item 2.02 of this report and shall not be deemed to be “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 be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

SECTION 7 – REGULATION FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 10, 2018, the Company announced that it has declared a monthly cash dividend on its 8.625% Series A Preferred Stock and its 10.75% Series B Preferred Stock for May 2017. A copy of the Company’s press release, dated May 10, 2018, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 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 press release included as Exhibit 99.2 to this report 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 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 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	<u>Press release dated May 10, 2018 announcing the Company's financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2018.</u>	
99.2	<u>Press release dated May 10, 2018 announcing that the Company has declared a monthly cash dividend for May 2018.</u>	

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.

GASTAR
Date: May 10, 2018 EXPLORATION INC.

By: /s/ Michael
A. Gerlich
Michael
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Gerlich
Senior Vice
President and
Chief Financial
Officer