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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): July 6, 2011 Emisphere Technologies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-17758 13-3306985

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

240 Cedar Knolls Road, Suite 200 Cedar Knolls, NJ

07927

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 973-532-8000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 6, 2011, Emisphere Technologies, Inc. (the Company) closed a transaction with certain institutional investors (collectively, the Buyers) to sell an aggregate of approximately 4.3 million shares of its common stock and warrants (the Warrants) to purchase a total of approximately 3.0 million shares of its common stock (the Warrant Shares) to the Buyers for gross proceeds, before deducting fees and expenses and excluding the proceeds, if any, from the exercise of the Warrants of approximately \$3.75 million (the Private Placement). Also on July 6, 2011, the Company and the Buyers entered into a Registration Rights Agreement pursuant to which the Company provided certain registration rights to the Buyers, including an obligation of the Company to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 20 days a registration statement on Form S-1 covering the shares issued in the Private Placement and the Warrant Shares.

Simultaneous with closing the Private Placement, the Company closed a transaction with MHR Fund Management LLC and certain of its affiliated investment funds (MHR) to sell an aggregate of approximately 4.3 million shares of its common stock and warrants (the MHR Warrants) to purchase a total of approximately 3.0 million shares of its common stock (the MHR Warrant Shares) for gross proceeds, before deducting fees and expenses and excluding the proceeds, if any, from the exercise of the MHR Warrants of approximately \$3.75 million (the MHR Private Placement).

In connection with the Private Placement and the MHR Private Placement, the Company entered into a Waiver Agreement with MHR (Waiver Agreement), pursuant to which MHR waived certain anti-dilution adjustment rights under its Senior Secured Notes and certain warrants issued by the Company to MHR that would otherwise have been triggered by the Private Placement. As consideration for such waiver, the Company issued to MHR warrants (the MHR Waiver Warrants) to purchase 795,000 shares of its common stock (the MHR Waiver Warrant Shares) and agreed to reimburse MHR for up to \$25,000 of its legal fees.

In both the Private Placement and the MHR Private Placement, each unit, consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.7 shares of common stock, were sold at a purchase price of \$0.872. The Warrants, the MHR Warrants and the MHR Waiver Warrants are exercisable at an exercise price of \$1.09 per share and will expire July 6, 2016.

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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.

Emisphere Technologies, Inc.

July 7, 2011 By: /s/ Michael R. Garone

Name: Michael R. Garone

Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer and

Chief Financial Officer