

BALLY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Form 8-K
November 29, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **November 25, 2013**

BALLY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-31558
(Commission File Number)

88-0104066
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6601 S. Bermuda Rd.
Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

89119
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(702) 584-7700**

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

On November 25, 2013, Bally Technologies, Inc. (Bally) announced that it completed the acquisition of SHFL entertainment, Inc. (SHFL). Pursuant to the terms of the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 15, 2013 (the Merger Agreement), by and among Bally, Manhattan Merger Corp., Inc. (Merger Sub), and SHFL, Merger Sub merged with and into SHFL, with SHFL continuing as the surviving corporation (the Merger). As a result of the Merger, SHFL became an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Bally.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

In connection with the closing of the Merger, on November 25, 2013, the Company entered into the Incremental Joinder Agreement (the Joinder) among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent (the Agent), and the other lenders party thereto. The Joinder provides for a term loan B facility (the Term B Loan) of \$1.1 billion, the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition of SHFL. The Term B Loan has a 7-year maturity, and bears interest at a rate equal to either the applicable base rate plus 2.25%, or LIBOR plus 3.25%. The Term B Loan will be subject to amortization of 0.25% per quarter.

The foregoing description is not complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Joinder, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

As disclosed above, on November 25, 2013, Bally completed the acquisition of SHFL. At the effective time of the Merger, pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement: (i) each share of SHFL common stock, par value \$0.01 (SHFL Common Stock) issued and outstanding immediately prior to such time, other than shares of SHFL Common Stock owned by Bally, Merger Sub, or SHFL (which were cancelled) and shares of SHFL Common Stock with respect to which dissenters' rights were properly exercised and not withdrawn under Minnesota law, was automatically cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$23.25 in cash, without interest (the Merger Consideration); (ii) each SHFL stock option outstanding as of July 15, 2013 was cancelled in exchange for the right of the holder to receive a lump sum cash payment equal to the number of shares of SHFL Common Stock underlying the SHFL stock option multiplied by the excess, if any, of the Merger Consideration over the exercise price of such SHFL stock option (the Option Payment); (iii) each award of SHFL restricted shares or restricted stock units outstanding as of July 15, 2013 was cancelled in exchange for the right of the holder to receive a lump-sum cash payment equal to the Merger Consideration multiplied by the number of shares of SHFL Common Stock underlying each award (the Restricted Shares Payment); and (iv) each award of SHFL performance units outstanding as of July 15, 2013 was cancelled in exchange for the right of the holder to receive a lump-sum cash payment equal to the Merger Consideration multiplied by the number of shares of SHFL Common Stock underlying the performance units at the applicable payout percentage (the Performance Unit Payment). The aggregate amount paid by Bally in respect of all Merger Consideration, Option Payments, Restricted Shares Payments, and Performance Unit Payments was approximately \$1.3 billion, which was funded in part pursuant to the Joinder.

The foregoing description is not complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Merger Agreement which was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to Bally's Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 18, 2013, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information required by this Item 2.03 is set forth above under Item 1.01, Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 25, 2013, Bally issued a press release announcing that Mr. Mark Lerner, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, would be retiring effective as of December 31, 2013. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Lerner's retirement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 25, 2013, Bally issued a press release announcing the completion of the Merger. A copy of the press release announcing the completion of the merger is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Bally will file by amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K the financial statements required by Item 9.01(a) of Form 8-K not later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K was required to be filed.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Bally will file by amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K the pro forma financial information required by Item 9.01(b) of Form 8-K not later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K was required to be filed.

(d) Exhibits.

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- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Bally Technologies, Inc., Manhattan Merger Corp. Inc., and SHFL entertainment Inc., dated as of July 15, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of Bally's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 18, 2013).
- 10.1 Incremental Joinder Agreement, by and among Bally Technologies, Inc., certain of its subsidiaries, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent.
- 99.1 Press release dated November 25, 2013 announcing Mr. Lerner's retirement.
- 99.2 Press release dated November 25, 2013 announcing completion of the Merger.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

BALLY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: */s/ Mark Lerner*
Mark Lerner
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: November 29, 2013