

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 425  
July 30, 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): **July 30, 2012**

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-13395**

(Commission File Number)

**56-201079**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**4401 Colwick Road**

**28211**

**Charlotte, North Carolina**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(704) 566-2400**

**N/A**

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(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On July 30, 2012, Sonic Automotive, Inc. ( Sonic ) issued a press release announcing the expiration and final results of its exchange offer to purchase for cash and shares of its Class A common stock all of its outstanding 5.0% Convertible Senior Notes due 2029.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated July 30, 2012

**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.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss  
Stephen K. Coss  
Senior Vice President and General

Counsel

Dated: July 30, 2012

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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