SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO Form 8-K February 21, 2013

# 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): February 20, 2013

# The Sherwin-Williams Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-04851 (Commission **34-0526850** (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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101 West Prospect Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44115 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(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:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 20, 2013, The Sherwin-Williams Company issued a press release announcing that it has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor to settle the previously disclosed investigation of transactions related to Sherwin-Williams employee stock ownership plan. Sherwin-Williams financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2012, as reported on January 31, 2013, are being revised to reflect the agreement. A copy of this press release is furnished with this Report as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is furnished with this Report:

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

99 Press Release of The Sherwin-Williams Company, dated February 20, 2013.

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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.

### THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

February 21, 2013

By: /s/ Catherine M. Kilbane Catherine M. Kilbane Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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