

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2012

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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 31,  
2012

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina  
(State or other  
jurisdiction  
of  
incorporation)

1-7898  
(Commission  
File  
Number)

56-0578072  
(IRS Employer  
Identification  
No.)

1000 Lowe's Blvd., 28117  
 Mooresville, NC  
(Address of  
Principal Executive  
Offices)

(Zip  
Code)

Registrant's  
telephone number, including area code

(704)  
758-1000

N/A

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(Former Name or Former  
Address, if Changed Since  
Last Report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item  
8.01. Other Events.

On July 31, 2012, Lowe's Companies Inc. (the "Company") announced that it has made a non-binding proposal to the board of directors of Canadian home improvement and hardware retailer RONA Inc. ("RONA") to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of RONA for C\$14.50 in cash per share. The proposal, which is subject to the satisfactory completion of confirmatory due diligence, was rejected by the board of directors of RONA. In light of the RONA board's decision, the Company has decided to make its proposal public in its entirety to allow all RONA shareholders and other stakeholders to evaluate the numerous economic and commercial benefits outlined in the proposal and to allow for shareholders to communicate their views directly to RONA's board.

A copy of the press release confirming the Company's non-binding proposal to RONA's board is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated July 31, 2012 confirming the Company's non-binding proposal to RONA's board to acquire RONA for C\$14.50 cash per share

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SIGNATURE

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.

Lowe's Companies, Inc.

Date: July 31, 2012

/s/ Gaither M. Keener, Jr.

By: Gaither M. Keener, Jr.  
Chief Legal Officer, Chief  
Compliance  
Officer and Secretary

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated July 31, 2012 announcing Lowe's delivery of non-binding proposal to RONA board to acquire RONA for C\$14.50 cash per share

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