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: December 18, 2012 (Date of earliest event reported)

IVANHOE ENERGY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Yukon, Canada (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 000-30586 (Commission File Number) 98-0372413 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

Suite 654 – 999 Canada Place Vancouver, BC, Canada (Address of Principal Executive Office)

V6C 3E1 (Zip Code)

(604) 688-8323

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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ITEM 2.01 COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

On December 17, 2012, Ivanhoe Energy Inc. announced that it has completed the transactions contemplated by the previously announced Share Purchase and Sale Agreement with MIE Holdings Corporation ("MIE") and sold all of the outstanding shares of its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Pan-China Resources Ltd ("Pan-China") to MIE ("Pan-China Transaction"). As consideration for all of the issued and outstanding shares of Pan-China, MIE agreed to pay US\$45 million in cash, subject to adjustments for working capital, cost recovery adjustments under the Dagang Production Sharing Contract ("PSC") based on the results of annual audit procedures by CNPC and inter-corporate cash distributions. All such adjustments were made with effect as of September 30, 2012. MIE held back US\$4 million of the adjusted purchase price as security for post-closing claims in respect of Pan-China employee severance obligations, contingent tax obligations, additional, presently unquantified cost recovery adjustments under the Dagang PSC based on the results of mandatory audit procedures to be completed after closing and errors or omissions in the calculation of the adjusted purchase price. The hold back amount, less any allowable deductions will be released 180 days after closing.

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

A copy of the press release relating to the closing of the Pan-China Transaction is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(b) Pro-forma Financial Information

The unaudited pro-forma consolidated financial statements of Ivanhoe Energy Inc. specified in Article 11 of Regulation S-X are attached as Exhibit 99.1.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

- 99.1 Ivanhoe Energy Inc. unaudited pro-forma condensed consolidated
 - financial statements
- 99.2 Press release dated December 17, 2012

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 18, 2012

IVANHOE ENERGY INC.

By: /s/ Gerald D. Schiefelbein

Name: Gerald D. Schiefelbein Title: Chief Financial Officer

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