WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION Form 8-K August 25, 2010

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): August 25, 2010 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 001-32550 88-0365922

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2700 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada

89102

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 248-4200 (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:

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- o 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 August 25, 2010, Western Alliance Bancorporation, a Nevada corporation, announced the closing of its public offering of \$75 million in aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes due 2015. The notes will bear interest annually at 10.00% and gross proceeds from the offering were approximately \$73.9 million.

The preceding is qualified in its entirety by reference to the press release dated August 25, 2010 and filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated August 25, 2010.

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.

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: August 25, 2010 By: /s/ Dale Gibbons

Dale Gibbons

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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