

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD

Form 8-K

August 17, 2011

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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) August 16, 2011  
NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| <b>Bermuda</b><br>(State or Other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation or Organization) | <b>001-32657</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>980363970</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| <b>Crown House<br/>4 Par-la-Ville Road<br/>Second Floor<br/>Hamilton, HM08 Bermuda<br/>Bermuda</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices) | <b>(441) 292-1510</b><br>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | <b>N/A</b><br>(Zip Code) |
| <b>N/A</b><br>(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)   |   |                          |

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On August 16, 2011, we and our wholly owned subsidiary, Nabors Industries, Inc. ( Nabors ), entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement ) under which Nabors agreed to sell \$700 million aggregate principal amount of its 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021 (the Notes ) to Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Securities USA Inc., UBS Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and PNC Capital Markets LLC (collectively, the Initial Purchasers ). The Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us. A copy of the Purchase Agreement is included in this Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1, incorporated herein by reference and hereby filed; it should be read in its entirety for a complete description of its provisions and the summary in this report is qualified in its entirety by the text of such provisions.

The closing of the sale of the Notes is expected to occur on August 23, 2011. Nabors will sell the Notes to the Initial Purchasers in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ). The Initial Purchasers will then sell the Notes to (i) qualified institutional buyers pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A or (ii) pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. Nabors will rely on these exemptions from registration based in part on representations made by the Initial Purchasers in the Purchase Agreement.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On August 16, 2011, we issued a press release announcing that Nabors had commenced an offering of Senior Unsecured Notes. The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Nabors Industries Ltd. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on August 16, 2011, we issued a press release announcing that Nabors had priced \$700 million in Senior Unsecured Notes due 2021 following the private placement offering it announced earlier that day. The notes will bear interest at a rate of 4.625 percent. Proceeds from the offering are intended to be used for general corporate purposes, including repayment of debt. The transaction is expected to close on or about August 23, 2011. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No. Document Description**

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| 10.1 | Purchase Agreement, dated August 16, 2011, among Nabors Industries, Inc., Nabors Industries Ltd., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Securities USA Inc., UBS Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and PNC Capital Markets LLC |
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**SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: August 17, 2011

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.

/s/ Mark D. Andrews

Mark D. Andrews

Corporate Secretary

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