

STERLING CHEMICALS INC

Form 8-K

September 24, 2010

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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)  
September 24, 2010 (September 20, 2010)  
STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-50132**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0502785**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77002-4109**  
(Zip Code)

**(713) 650-3700**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On September 20, 2010, Sterling Chemicals, Inc. ( Sterling ) entered into an Amendment to its Revolving Line of Credit for letters of credit (the LC Facility ) with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. ( Chase ), which is effective September 10, 2010. The amendment extended the term of the LC Facility by three months. In connection with the amendment to the LC Facility, Sterling also entered into a Security Agreement (the Security Agreement ) and a Pledge Agreement (the Pledge Agreement ) on September 20, 2010, each dated September 13, 2010, with Chase. Pursuant to the Security Agreement, Sterling agreed, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the Security Agreement, to grant first-priority liens in favor of Chase on a substantial portion of its assets to secure Sterling s obligations under the LC Facility, primarily consisting of its accounts receivable and inventory. Under the Pledge Agreement, Sterling agreed, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the Pledge Agreement, to pledge to Chase its interest in, among other things, all restricted subsidiaries under Sterling s indenture, all promissory notes under \$1,000,000 issued to Sterling (excluding promissory notes arising from a disposition of certain collateral under the indenture) and all dividends, distributions and other payments with respect to any other pledged property.

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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.

Date: September 24, 2010

**STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ David J. Collins  
David J. Collins  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer