

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 7, 2010**

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32593
(Commission
File Number)

74-3140887
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 9161

800 South Street

Waltham, Massachusetts 02454-9161

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 7, 2010, Global Companies LLC (Global), a wholly owned subsidiary of Global Partners LP (the Partnership), executed a Second Amendment to Sale and Purchase Agreement (the Second Amendment) with ExxonMobil Oil Corporation and Exxon Mobil Corporation (collectively, ExxonMobil). The Second Amendment amends the Sale and Purchase Agreement dated May 24, 2010 among ExxonMobil and Global, as previously amended by a First Amendment to Sale and Purchase Agreement dated as of August 12, 2010 (as so amended, the Purchase Agreement), pursuant to which Global agreed to acquire certain assets and liabilities related to 190 Mobil branded retail gas stations located in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island (the Subject States). The Purchase Agreement also provides Global the right to supply Mobil branded fuel to such stations and to 31 Mobil branded stations that are owned and operated by independent dealers in the Subject States. The aggregate purchase price for the acquisition is approximately \$202,000,000. The following is a description of the material provisions set forth in the Second Amendment:

- ExxonMobil agreed to pay or otherwise credit the sum of \$2,550,000 towards the closing costs otherwise payable by Global in consideration for Global s resolution of certain diligence matters, including without limitation Global s waiver of its rights to reject sites for title, survey or environmental reasons and Global s assumption of certain obligations in connection with Massachusetts Title V requirements.
- One site in Peabody, Massachusetts and one site in Attleboro, Massachusetts were removed from the Purchase Agreement and one site in Boston, Massachusetts was added to the Purchase Agreement.
- The Initial Closing (as described below in Item 7.01) is deemed to have occurred at 9:30 a.m. on September 8, 2010.

All other material terms remain the same as disclosed in the Partnership s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on May 25, 2010 and August 31, 2010. The Second Amendment is filed hereto as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 8, 2010, the Partnership issued a press release announcing the closing of the initial phase of its acquisition of retail gas stations and supply rights from ExxonMobil under the Purchase Agreement (the Initial Closing). The purchase price for the Initial Closing was approximately \$152,000,000, and the aggregate purchase price for the entire acquisition, including the Subsequent Closings (as defined in the Purchase Agreement), is approximately \$202,000,000. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, unless the Partnership specifically states that the information is to be considered filed under the Exchange Act or incorporates it by reference into a filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 8.01. Other Events

The Partnership previously announced that Global entered into the Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which Global agreed to acquire certain assets and liabilities related to 190 Mobil branded retail gas stations located in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Of the 190 stations that are the subject of the Purchase Agreement, 42 are directly operated by ExxonMobil and 148 are dealer operated subject to existing franchise agreements assigned to and assumed by Global. The Purchase Agreement also provides Global the right to supply Mobil branded fuel to such stations and to 31 Mobil branded stations that are owned and operated by independent dealers in the Subject States. On September 8, 2010, the Partnership completed the Initial Closing of the acquisition for a purchase price of approximately \$152,000,000, which included the 148 dealer operated stations and the 31 dealer owned and operated stations.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Second Amendment to Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated September 7, 2010, among ExxonMobil Oil Corporation and Exxon Mobil Corporation, as sellers, and Global Companies LLC, as buyer

99.1 Global Partners LP Press Release dated September 8, 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 thereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP

By: Global GP LLC,
its general partner

Dated: September 9, 2010

By: /s/ Edward J. Faneuil
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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