RIVIERA HOLDINGS CO)RP		
Form S-8 POS			
March 30, 2012			
As filed with the Securitie	es and Exchange Comn	mission on March 30, 2012.	
Registration No. 333-2870)1		
UNITED STATES			
SECURITIES AND EXC	HANGE COMMISSIO	ON	
Washington, D.C. 20549			
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POST-EFFECTIVE AMI	ENDMENT NO. 1		
ТО			
FORM S-8			
REGISTRATION STATI	EMENT		
UNDER			
THE SECURITIES ACT	OF 1933		
Riviera Holdings Corporati	ion		
(Exact name of registrant a	s specified in its charter	r)	
		00.000.005	
	Nevada	88-0296885	

(State or other jurisdiction

(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South				
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109				
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)				
Riviera Holdings Corporation 1993 Stock Option Plan				
Riviera Holdings Corporation Stock Purchase Plan				
Riviera Holdings Corporation Nonqalified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors				
Riviera Holdings Corporation Stock Compensation Plan for				
Directors Serving on the Compensation Committee				
(Full title of the plan)				
Tullio Marchionne				
2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South				
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109				
(702) 734-5110				
(Name, address, and telephone number,				
including area code, of agent for service)				

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

 $Large \ accelerated \ filer \ o \ Accelerated \ filer \ o \ (Do \ not \ check \ if \ a \ smaller \ reporting \ company) b$

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Deregistration of Unsold Securities

On June 6, 1997, the Registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-28701 (the "Registration Statement"), for the sale of an additional 520,000 shares of the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Registrant issuable under the Riviera Holdings Corporation 1993 Stock Option Plan.

On April 1, 2011 (the "Substantial Consummation Date"), the Registrant emerged from reorganization proceedings under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to the Registrant 's Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization, all existing shares of the Company's equity securities, including the Common Stock, outstanding prior to the Substantial Consummation Date, were cancelled on the Substantial Consummation Date. Concurrently, the Registrant terminated all equity-based compensation plans.

As a result, the Registrant terminated all offerings of its securities pursuant to its existing registration statements, including the Registration Statement. Accordingly, pursuant to an undertaking made by the Company in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any securities of the Company which remain unsold at the termination of the offering subject to the Registration Statement, the Company hereby removes from registration all securities registered under the Registration Statement that remain unsold.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Las Vegas, State of Nevada, on March 29, 2012.

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Andy Choy Andy Choy

President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Andy Choy Andy Choy	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 29, 2012
/s/ Larry King Larry King	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 29, 2012
/s/ Derek J. Stevens Derek J. Stevens	Director	March 29, 2012
/s/ Marcos Alvarado Marcos Alvarado	Director	March 29, 2012