

GOLDFIELD CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2012

**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 (or Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 15, 2012

**THE GOLDFIELD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-7525**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**88-0031580**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1684 West Hibiscus Blvd.**

**Melbourne, FL**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (321) 724-1700**

**32901**  
(Zip Code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. *Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.***

On March 15, 2012, the Board of Directors of The Goldfield Corporation ( Goldfield or the Company ) approved the actions of the Benefits and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee ) set forth below with regard to compensation eligible to be earned in 2012 by John H. Sottile, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Goldfield, Stephen R. Wherry, Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Goldfield and Robert L. Jones, President of Southeast Power Corporation, Goldfield's electrical construction subsidiary ( Southeast Power ). Mr. Sottile, Mr. Wherry and Mr. Jones were the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table of Goldfield's 2011 Proxy Statement. Mr. Sottile, Mr. Wherry and Mr. Jones are expected to be named in the Summary Compensation Table of Goldfield's 2012 Proxy Statement.

**Annual Incentive Compensation Earned in 2011.** Mr. Wherry and Mr. Jones earned a bonus award during 2011 in the amounts of \$102,780.24 and \$107,540.91, respectively, which will be paid in 2012 pursuant to The Goldfield Corporation Performance-Based Bonus Plan (the Plan ). The criteria and methodology for determining Mr. Wherry's and Mr. Jones's 2011 bonuses were approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 17, 2011. Mr. Sottile requested that the Committee forego granting him a bonus award for 2011 and the Committee acceded to his request. A copy of the letter from Mr. Sottile to the Committee with respect to the waiver of his bonus is filed as Exhibit 10-1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

These bonuses are subject to increase or decrease based on audit adjustments made, if any, in connection with the finalization of the Company's year-end financial statements.

**Annual Incentive Compensation to be Earned in 2012.** The Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors approved, bonus opportunities for Mr. Sottile, Mr. Wherry and Mr. Jones for 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. Mr. Sottile will have the opportunity to earn a bonus award up to a maximum of 50% of his base salary, and his bonus will be dependent upon the increase in Goldfield's share price in 2012, an increase in Goldfield's net income in 2012 and his overall executive performance in 2012, a non-quantitative factor incorporating an evaluation by the Committee of Mr. Sottile's leadership, strategic planning, relationship management and human resources management. Mr. Wherry will have the opportunity to earn a bonus award up to a maximum of 50% of his base salary, and his bonus will be dependent upon an increase in Goldfield's net income in 2012 and his overall executive performance in 2012, a non-quantitative factor incorporating an evaluation by the Committee of Mr. Wherry's contributions with respect to financial management, Goldfield's reporting and internal controls and other compliance initiatives. Mr. Jones will have the opportunity to earn a bonus award, which will be calculated as a percentage of the pre-tax earnings of Southeast Power, subject to adjustment for certain specified items, and will not be dependent upon any other factors. Bonus opportunities for Mr. Sottile, Mr. Wherry and Mr. Jones are consistent with the 2011 Plan. The Committee will reevaluate the Plan's bonus opportunities for Mr. Sottile and Mr. Wherry in September 2012 for the 2012 year.

**2012 Base Salary Increases.** In accordance with the terms of his employment contract, effective January 1, 2011, Mr. Sottile's base salary was increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase over the preceding twelve months in the CPI. Mr. Sottile had elected to waive the CPI increase for prior years. However, the formula prescribed by the Employment Agreement and the base figures remained as determined in the Employment Agreement as though the waiver and the election for Mr. Sottile's salary reductions had not been made. As a result, Mr. Sottile's base salary for 2012 will be increased from \$438,728.36 to \$496,199.18.

Goldfield will provide additional compensation information regarding the compensation paid to each of the named executives for the 2011 fiscal year in Goldfield's proxy statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which is expected to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in April 2012.

**Item 9.01. *Financial Statements and Exhibits.***

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
10-1	Letter dated March 15, 2012 from John H. Sottile to the Benefits and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of The Goldfield Corporation.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 21, 2012

**THE GOLDFIELD CORPORATION**

By: */s/* **STEPHEN R. WHERRY**  
Stephen R. Wherry  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer),  
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

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