

NORTHWEST PIPE CO  
Form 8-K  
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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): July 30, 2010**

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OREGON**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-27140**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**93-0557988**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Northwest Pipe Company**

**5721 SE Columbia Way Suite 200**

**Vancouver WA 98661**

**(360) 397-6250**

**(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)**

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

Item 1.01. ENTRY INTO MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On July 30, 2010, Northwest Pipe Company (the Company) and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, entered into a Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement Amendment). The Credit Agreement Amendment amends the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated May 31, 2007, as amended to date (the Credit Agreement). On August 4, 2010, the Company and Prudential Investment Management, Inc. and certain of its affiliates entered into a Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement (the Note Purchase Agreement Amendment). The Note Purchase Agreement Amendment amends the Amended and Restated Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of May 31, 2007, as amended to date (the Note Purchase Agreement). The Credit Agreement and the Note Purchase Agreement are referred to herein as the Financing Agreements. The Credit Agreement Amendment and the Note Purchase Agreement Amendment are referred to herein as the Financing Agreement Amendments.

The Financing Agreement Amendments effect certain changes to the terms of the Financing Agreements, including: (i) temporarily waiving compliance with the financial covenants under the Financing Agreements for the period from July 30, 2010 to September 17, 2010, (ii) extending the dates by which the Company is required to deliver to the lenders audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the year ended December 31, 2009, and financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010; and (iii) requiring the Company to deliver to the lenders certain cash flow forecasts and a revised financial projection model and business plan. The foregoing description of the Financing Agreement Amendments does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Financing Agreement Amendments, which are filed herewith as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 to this Report, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, by and among Northwest Pipe Company and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent
- 10.2 Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement by and among Northwest Pipe Company and Prudential Investment Management, Inc. and certain affiliates.

**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 on August 5, 2010.

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Stephanie J. Welty  
Stephanie J. Welty, Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer