

LPL Financial Holdings Inc.
Form 8-K
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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

December 10, 2015

Date of report (date of earliest event reported)

LPL Financial Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdictions of
incorporation or organization)

001-34963
(Commission File Number)

20-3717839
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Nos.)

75 State Street

Boston, MA 02109

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 423-3644

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

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Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

Early Settlement of Accelerated Share Repurchase Program

On November 24, 2015, LPL Financial Holdings Inc. (*Company*) entered into a master confirmation and a supplemental confirmation (the *ASR Agreements*) with Goldman, Sachs & Co. (*Goldman*) in connection with a capped accelerated share repurchase program (the *ASR Program*).

Pursuant to the *ASR Agreements*, the *Company* paid Goldman \$250 million (the *Prepayment Amount*) and Goldman agreed to deliver shares of the *Company*'s common stock (the *Common Stock*) at various intervals during the *ASR Program* (the *Transaction*). The final number of shares to be repurchased under the *ASR Program* was to be based generally on the average of the daily volume-weighted average price of the *Common Stock* during a repurchase period, which price was subject to a cap. A summary description of the *ASR Agreements* and the *Transaction* were disclosed in the *Company*'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 24, 2015.

On December 10, 2015, the *Company* entered into an early settlement agreement (the *ESA*) with Goldman to settle and terminate the *Transaction*. Under the *ESA*, all of the respective rights and obligations of the parties under the *Transaction* will be terminated upon the *Company*'s receipt of the *Required Shares* (as defined below). In consideration for such termination, Goldman agreed to deliver on December 15, 2015, 5,622,628 of shares of *Common Stock* (the *Required Shares*) against the *Prepayment Amount*. Of the *Required Shares*, 4,319,537 shares were acquired by Goldman from TPG Partners IV, L.P. (*TPG*) pursuant to a purchase agreement that was directly negotiated between Goldman and TPG. Following the sale by TPG to Goldman, TPG owns 8,567,572, or approximately 9.6%, of the outstanding shares of *Common Stock*. The *Company* did not incur any material early termination penalties under the *ASR Agreements* in connection with entering into the *ESA*.

The *Company* and TPG are parties to a stockholders' agreement, dated November 23, 2010 (as amended, the *Stockholders' Agreement*), which was previously filed with the Commission. Two of the *Company*'s directors, Richard W. Boyce and Richard P. Schifter, were each initially elected to the *Company*'s board of directors (the *Board*) pursuant to the *Stockholders' Agreement*. Neither of Messrs. Boyce nor Schifter participated in the review or approval of the *ESA* on behalf of the *Company*. The *ESA* was approved by the audit committee of the *Board*, which consists solely of disinterested directors, pursuant to the *Company*'s related person transaction policy, and a special committee of the *Board* with delegated authority to approve terms relating to the *ASR Program*.

A copy of the *ESA* is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein. The foregoing summary description of the *ESA* and the transactions contemplated thereby is not intended to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by the complete text of the *ESA*.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD.

On December 10, 2015, the *Company* issued a press release announcing the *ESA* and the termination of the *ASR Agreements*. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the *Exchange Act*), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the *Company* under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the *Exchange Act*.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Early Settlement Agreement, dated December 10, 2015, between LPL Financial Holdings Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co.

99.1 Press release dated December 10, 2015 (LPL Financial Announces Early Completion of Accelerated Share Repurchase Plan)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LPL FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Matthew J. Audette
Matthew J. Audette

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 10, 2015