

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
June 23, 2011

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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):

June 20, 2011

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13461

76-0506313

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

800 Gessner, Suite 500, Houston, Texas

77024

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

713-647-5700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 20, 2011, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation, issued a press release announcing that effective July 1, 2011 it is consolidating its regional structure in the United States from three regions into two regions. Group 1's former Western Region of 11 dealerships will be consolidated into the current Central Region and the combined operation will be renamed the West Region. Frank Grese, Jr., currently Group 1's Regional Vice President of the Central Region, will manage the newly formed West Region. Group 1 also announced that Chris Hayden will join the company as Market Director, California, reporting to Frank Grese, Jr.

Effective July 1, 2011, Daryl Kenningham will replace David Hult as Group 1's Regional Vice President of the East Region. David Hult has been appointed to the newly created position of Vice President, Marketing and will transition to the corporate office in Houston after July 1, 2011 where he will continue to report to Earl J. Hesterberg. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of June 20, 2011.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

*June 23, 2011*

By: */s/ Darryl M. Burman*

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*Name: Darryl M. Burman*

*Title: Vice President*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. dated as of June 20, 2011.