

TENNECO INC
Form 8-K
March 14, 2011

**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**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 14, 2011 (March 14, 2011)
TENNECO INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-12387
(Commission File Number)

76-0515284
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST,
ILLINOIS

60045

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 March 14, 2011, Tenneco Inc. (Tenneco) successfully completed an offer to exchange up to \$500 million principal amount of 6⁷/₈% Senior Notes due 2020, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, for and in replacement of all outstanding unregistered 6⁷/₈% Senior Notes due 2020, which were issued on December 23, 2010 in a private placement. The company received tenders from holders of \$500 million, or 100%, of the aggregate outstanding amount of the original notes.

The terms of the new notes are substantially identical to the terms of the original notes for which they were exchanged, except that the transfer restrictions and registration rights applicable to the original notes generally do not apply to the new notes.

The exchange offer expired at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 11, 2011. The offer was made pursuant to the terms and conditions included in the company's Prospectus dated February 10, 2011.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities of Tenneco Inc. nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state.

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.

TENNECO INC.

Date: March 14, 2011

By: /s/ James D. Harrington
James D. Harrington
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary