CHARLES & COLVARD LTD Form 8-K August 17, 2011

## 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) August 15, 2011

Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-23329 (Commission File Number) 56-1928817 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite A Morrisville, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

27560 (Zip Code)

(919) 468-0399 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange

Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

I t e mEntry into a Material Definitive Agreement. 1.01

On August 15, 2011, Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (the "Company") and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as rights agent, entered into Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement (the "Amendment") amending the Company's Rights Agreement dated as of February 22, 1999, as amended by Amendment No. 1 dated as of February 18, 2009 (as amended, the "Rights Agreement"). The Amendment accelerates the expiration of the preferred share purchase rights issued under the Rights Agreement in connection with the Company's shareholder rights plan from the close of business on February 22, 2019 to the close of business on August 15, 2011. Accordingly, as of the close of business on August 15, 2011, the rights issued under the Rights Agreement expired and are no longer outstanding. The Amendment has the effect of terminating the Company's shareholder rights plan effective August 15, 2011.

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

I t e mTermination of a Material Definitive Agreement. 1.02

The information set forth under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

I t e mMaterial Modification to Rights of Security Holders. 3.03

The information set forth under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

I t e mFinancial Statements and Exhibits. 9.01

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Document

4.1 Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement, dated as of August 15, 2011, between Charles & Colvard, Ltd. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC as Rights Agent

### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

August 17, 2011 By: /s/ Timothy L. Krist

Timothy L. Krist

Chief Financial Officer

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