Gastar Exploration Inc. Form 8-K September 17, 2018

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): September 12, 2018

GASTAR EXPLORATION INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 001-35211 38-3531640
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)
1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

SECTION 1 – REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

In connection with the election of William L. Transier and Marc Beilinson as members of the board of directors of Gastar Exploration Inc. (the "Company"), the Company entered into indemnification agreements (the "Indemnification Agreements") with Mr. Transier and Mr. Beilinson on September 12, 2018 and September 14, 2018, respectively. The Indemnification Agreements were in the same form as the indemnification agreement attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 29, 2018.

The Indemnification Agreements generally require the Company to indemnify Mr. Transier and Mr. Beilinson to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law against liability that may arise by reason of their service to the Company. The Indemnification Agreements provide for the advancement of expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against such individual as to which he or she could be indemnified.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the form of Indemnification Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Form 8-K:

Exhibit

No. Description of Document

10.1 Form of Amended and Restated Indemnification Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 29, 2018).

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.

GASTAR
Date: September 17, 2018 EXPLORATION INC.

/s/ Michael A.
By: Gerlich
 Michael A. Gerlich
 Senior Vice
 President and Chief
 Financial Officer