

CARRIZO OIL & GAS INC
Form 8-K
March 21, 2012

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): March 15, 2012

CARRIZO OIL & GAS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-29187-87 (Commission File Number)	76-0415919 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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500 Dallas Street Suite 2300 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	77002 (Zip code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 328-1000

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 16, 2012, Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement to sell a portion of its properties in the Barnett Shale to a subsidiary of Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ARP) for \$190.0 million in cash.

None of the information furnished in this Item 7.01 will be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor will it be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company, that the information in this report and the accompanying exhibits is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 15, 2012, the Company, along with certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, entered into a definitive agreement to sell a portion of its properties in the Barnett Shale to a subsidiary of Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ARP) for \$190.0 million in cash. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from this sale to repay borrowings under its revolving credit facility and use the excess proceeds to partially fund its 2012 capital expenditures plan, largely in the Eagle Ford play.

The definitive agreement contains customary representations and warranties, including, ownership of the assets, compliance with laws, including environmental laws, and payment of taxes, and indemnification provisions under which the parties thereto have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities. During the period following signing of the definitive agreement until the closing, the Company has agreed to operate the assets being purchased according to the guidelines in the definitive agreement.

The sale will have an effective date of January 1, 2012 and is expected to close in late April, subject to customary closing conditions and purchase price adjustments. There can be no assurance as to such timing or that all of the conditions to closing the sale will be satisfied.

Statements in this report that are not historical facts, including but not limited to those related to impact under the credit facility and other use of proceeds, the proposed sale (including timing, purchase price and effects thereof), of production, drilling and completion, production mix, development plans, growth, use of proceeds, oil and gas sales, the Company's or management's intentions, beliefs, expectations, hopes, projections, assessment of risks, estimations, plans or predictions for the future, results of the Company's strategies and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations. Although Carrizo believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include purchase price adjustments, failure of closing conditions, actions by the

purchaser, actions by banks, results of wells and production testing, performance of rig operators and gathering systems, actions by governmental authorities, joint venture partners, industry partners, lenders and other third parties, market and other conditions, availability of well connects, capital needs and uses, commodity price changes, effects of the global economy on exploration activity, results of and dependence on exploratory drilling activities, operating risks, right-of-way and other land issues, availability of capital and equipment, weather, and other risks described in Carrizo's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated March 16, 2012.

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.

CARRIZO OIL & GAS, INC.

By: /s/ Paul F. Boling
Name: Paul F. Boling
Title: Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 21, 2012

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