GREAT LAKES AVIATION LTD Form 8-K June 04, 2014

#### **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

May 30, 2014

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)** 

**Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa (State or other jurisdiction

0-23224 (Commission 42-1135319 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number)

**Identification No.**)

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# 1022 Airport Parkway

Cheyenne, WY 82001

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(307)432-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

#### Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Effective May 30, 2014, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. (the Company ) entered into the Fourth Amendment and Second Forbearance to Credit Agreement (the Forbearance Agreement ) with its lenders Crystal Financial LLC and GB Merchant Partners, LLC (the Lenders ).

As of May 30, 2014 the Company was in breach of or expected to be in breach of three financial covenants under its Credit Agreement dated as of November 16, 2011 (the Credit Agreement). Pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Lenders have agreed to temporarily forbear from exercising certain rights and remedies under the Credit Agreement. The Company has agreed, until the Forbearance Termination Date, to pay the Lenders an additional two percentage points per annum above the rates of interest otherwise applicable under the Credit Agreement. The Company also agreed to continue to retain consultant Huron to produce a financial report for the Lenders, to provide cash flow projections to the Lenders, and to reimburse the Lenders—costs incurred in connection with the Forbearance Agreement. The Company has agreed to hire three firms to market the Company—s excess aircraft and inventory and to hire a financial advisor to advise the Company on raising capital through additional equity financings, debt financings, or other liquidity events, which may result in a sale of the Company. The Company also agreed to pay a forbearance fee of \$242,000, a funding fee of \$60,000, and a commitment fee of \$60,000.

The Forbearance Termination Date is on the earliest of (i) September 15, 2014 and (ii) the date on which Great Lakes commits additional breaches under the Credit Agreement. In consideration of entering into the Forbearance Agreement, the Lenders have agreed to lend the Company an additional \$3 million and defer an additional \$2 million of amortization payments which were due and payable by September 30, 2014.

The description of the terms of the Forbearance Agreement as set forth herein does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text thereof, including exhibits, a true and correct copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements typically are identified by use of terms such as may, will, should, anticipate, estimate and similar words, although some forwards plan, expect, statements are expressed differently. Forward-looking statements represent our management s judgment regarding future events. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Current Report on Form 8-K are forward-looking statements. The Company cannot guarantee the accuracy of the forward-looking statements, and the Company s actual results could differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including the statements under the heading Risk Factors contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, such forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties and may cause actual results to differ materially from the Company s expressed expectations.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

# (d) Exhibits.

# Exhibit

No. Description

Fourth Amendment and Forbearance to Credit Agreement dated as of May 30, 2014, by and among Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., Crystal Financial LLC and GB Merchant Partners, LLC.

## **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.

Date: June 4, 2014

Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.

By: /s/ Michael O. Matthews Michael O. Matthews Chief Financial Officer

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