STERLING CHEMICALS INC Form 8-K July 25, 2008

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) July 24, 2008 STERLING CHEMICALS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

000-50132

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

76-0502785 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

333 Clay Street, Suite 3600 Houston, Texas 77002-4109

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 650-3700

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former names or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Items to be Included in this Report

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

- 10.1* Third Amended and Restated Plasticizers Production Agreement dated effective as of April 1, 2008 between BASF Corporation and Sterling Chemicals, Inc.
- * Confidential portions have been filed separately with the Commission.

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.

Date: July 24, 2008

STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.

By: /s/ John R. Beaver John R. Beaver Vice President Finance and Chief Executive Officer

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