

COVANCE INC
Form 8-K
November 20, 2013

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) **November 15, 2013**

Covance Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12213
(Commission
File Number)

22-3265977
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

210 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

08540
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code **609-452-8550**

N/A

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant of the Company.

On November 15, 2013, Covance Inc. (the Company) issued Senior Notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$250,000,000 pursuant to the previously announced Note Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 2013 with the purchasers party thereto (the Note Purchase Agreement). Pursuant to the terms of the Note Purchase Agreement, the Senior Notes were issued in four series: (i) \$15,000,000 of 3.25% Senior Notes, Series 2013A, due November 15, 2018; (ii) \$50,000,000 of 3.90% Senior Notes, Series 2013B, due November 15, 2020, (iii) \$90,000,000 of 4.50% Senior Notes, Series 2013C, due November 15, 2023, and (iv) \$95,000,000 of 4.65% Senior Notes, Series 2013D, due November 15, 2025. The Senior Notes are guaranteed by certain of the Company's domestic subsidiaries and are secured by a pledge of 65 percent of the capital stock of certain of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. The Note Purchase Agreement contains financial and other covenants by which the Company is bound. The proceeds from the Senior Notes were used to pay down existing indebtedness.

The forgoing description is qualified in its entirety by the Note Purchase Agreement, which was filed on October 8, 2013 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K and which is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

COVANCE INC.

Date: November 20, 2013

/s/ Alison A. Cornell

Name:

Alison A. Cornell

Title:

Corporate Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer