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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) May 8, 2013

PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 41-2170618

000-21467

(State or other jurisdiction (IRS Employer

(Commission File Number)

of incorporation) Identification No.)

400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2060

95814

Sacramento, California

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (916) 403-2123

(Former name 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))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 8, 2013, Pacific Ethanol, Inc. issued a press release announcing certain results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013. A copy of the press release is furnished (not filed) as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

(c) Shell company transactions.

Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 8, 2013

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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: May 8, 2013 PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

By: /S/ CHRISTOPHER W. WRIGHT

Christopher W. Wright

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBITS FILED WITH THIS REPORT

Number Description

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