CHENIERE ENERGY INC

Form 8-K March 07, 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 7, 2012

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-16383 95-4352386

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Suite 800 77002

Houston, Texas

700 Milam Street

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 375-5000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 27, 2012, Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. ("Cheniere Partners"), a majority owned subsidiary of Cheniere Energy, Inc. ("Cheniere"), announced that on February 25, 2012 it entered into an arrangement with Blackstone Capital Partners VI L.P. and Blackstone Energy Partners L.P. (collectively, "Blackstone") to finalize due diligence and definitive agreements with respect to Blackstone's potential purchase of Senior Subordinated Paid-in-Kind Units of Cheniere Partners for \$2 billion. Filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto is a summary of the non-binding (except for certain identified provisions) term sheet signed by the parties (the "Summary Term Sheet"), which is incorporated by reference herein. There can be no assurances that the proposed transaction between Cheniere Partners and Blackstone will be consummated on the terms set forth in the Summary Term Sheet, or at all. Consummation of the proposed transaction is subject to, among other things, the execution of definitive documentation.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 8-K contains certain statements that may include "forward-looking statements" within the meanings of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included herein are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forward-looking statements" are, among other things, (i) statements regarding Cheniere's and Cheniere Partners' business strategy, plans and objectives, and (ii) statements regarding future discussions and entry into contracts, including those regarding the proposed transaction with Blackstone, and the terms, conditions, timing and costs of such transaction. Although Cheniere believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, they do involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Cheniere's and Cheniere Partners' actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed in Cheniere's and Cheniere Partners' periodic reports that are filed with and available from the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Form 8-K. Other than as required under the securities laws, Cheniere does not assume a duty to update these forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1* Summary of Term Sheet. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Cheniere Partners' Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 1-33366), filed on March 7, 2012)

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^{*} Incorporated by reference herein.

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.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

Date: March 7, 2012 By: /s/ Meg A. Gentle

Name: Meg A. Gentle

Title: Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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