

Ensco plc  
Form 425  
March 24, 2011

**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): 23 March 2011**

**Ensco plc**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**England and Wales**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-8097**  
(Commission File Number)

**98-0635229**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**6 Chesterfield Gardens**  
**London, England W1J 5BQ**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **+44 (0) 20 7659 4660**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On 6 February 2011, Enscopl ( Enscopl ) entered into a bridge commitment letter (the Bridge Commitment Letter ) with Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Islands Branch ( DBCI ), Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ( Citi ). Pursuant to the Bridge Commitment Letter, DBCI and Citi committed to provide Enscopl a \$2.75 billion unsecured bridge term loan facility. On 17 March 2011, Enscopl completed a sale of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.250% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.700% Senior Notes due 2021. Upon receipt of the proceeds from the issuance of the senior notes, Enscopl determined that it had adequate cash resources to fund the cash component of the merger consideration payable in connection with the proposed acquisition of Pride International, Inc., and accordingly the Bridge Commitment Letter was terminated.

**Important Additional Information Regarding The Proposed Acquisition of Pride International, Inc. Has Been Filed With The SEC**

In connection with the proposed acquisition of Pride International, Inc., Enscopl has filed a registration statement including a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus of Enscopl and Pride with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF ENSCO AND PRIDE ARE ADVISED TO CAREFULLY READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO IT) BECAUSE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTION, THE PARTIES TO THE TRANSACTION AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSACTION. A definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to security holders of Enscopl and Pride seeking their approval of the proposed transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other relevant documents filed by Enscopl and Pride with the SEC from the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Security holders and other interested parties may also obtain, without charge, a copy of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other relevant documents by directing a request by mail or telephone to either Investor Relations, Enscopl, 500 N. Akard, Suite 4300, Dallas, Texas 75201, telephone 214-397-3015, or Investor Relations, Pride International, Inc., 5847 San Felipe, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77057, telephone 713-789-1400. Copies of the documents filed by Enscopl with the SEC are available free of charge on Enscopl s website at [www.enscopl.com](http://www.enscopl.com) under the tab Investors. Copies of the documents filed by Pride with the SEC are available free of charge on Pride s website at [www.prideinternational.com](http://www.prideinternational.com) under the tab Investor Relations. Security holders may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed with the SEC at the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at (800) 732-0330 or visit the SEC s website for further information on its public reference room.

Enscopl and Pride and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from their respective security holders with respect to the transaction. Information about these persons is set forth in Enscopl s proxy statement relating to its 2010 General Meeting of Shareholders and Pride s proxy statement relating to its 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as filed with the SEC on 5 April 2010 and 1 April 2010, respectively, and subsequent statements of changes in beneficial ownership on file with the SEC. Security holders and investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such persons, which may be different than those of the respective companies security holders generally, by reading the registration statement, definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other relevant documents regarding the transaction filed with the SEC.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

*Statements included in this document regarding the consummation of the proposed transaction, benefits, expected synergies and other expense savings and operational and administrative efficiencies, opportunities, timing, expense and effects of the transaction, contemplated financing of the transaction, adequacy of cash reserves, financial performance, accretion to earnings, revenue growth, future dividend levels, credit ratings or other attributes of the combined companies and other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements.*

*Forward-looking statements include words or phrases*

*such as anticipate, believe, contemplate, estimate, expect, intend, plan, project, could, may, might, should, will and words and phrases of similar import. These statements involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, actions by regulatory authorities, rating agencies or other third parties, actions by the respective companies' security holders, costs and difficulties related to integration of acquired businesses, delays, costs and difficulties related to the transaction, market conditions, and the combined companies' financial results and performance, consummation of financing, satisfaction of closing conditions, ability to repay debt and timing thereof, availability and terms of any financing and other factors detailed in risk factors and elsewhere in each company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 31 December 2010, and their respective other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize (or the other consequences of such a development worsen), or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those forecasted or expected. All information in this document is as of today. Except as required by law, both companies disclaim any intention or obligation to update publicly or revise such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

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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.

**Ensco plc**

Date: 23 March 2011

/s/ Cary A. Moomjian, Jr.  
Cary A. Moomjian, Jr.  
Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary