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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): 6 May 2011

Ensco plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales

1-8097

98-0635229

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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)

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:

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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 8.01 Other Events.

Historical Financial Statements of Pride International, Inc.

As previously announced, on 6 February 2011, Ensco plc (Ensco) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with Pride International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Pride), ENSCO International Incorporated, a Delaware corporation and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Ensco, and ENSCO Ventures LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Ensco (Merger Sub). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement and subject to the conditions set forth therein, Merger Sub will merge with and into Pride, with Pride as the surviving entity and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Ensco.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference are the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Pride as of and for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011 and the notes thereto.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference is the Ensco and Pride unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information. This pro forma financial information gives effect to certain pro forma events related to the merger and has been presented for informational purposes only. It does not purport to project the future financial position or operating results of the post-merger combined company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Unaudited consolidated financial statements of Pride International, Inc. as of and for the fiscal

quarter ended March 31, 2011 and the notes thereto.

99.2 Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information of Ensco plc and Pride

International, Inc.

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 after 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. contemplate. believe. expect. intend, plan, project, could, may, might, should, will and words and phrases of similar import. These st 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 for additional borrowing capacity after the transaction, 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. 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.

Additional Information

In connection with the proposed acquisition of Pride International, Inc., Ensco has filed a registration statement including a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus of Ensco and Pride with the SEC, which the SEC declared effective on 25 April 2011. 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. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus has been sent to security holders of Ensco 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 and other relevant documents filed by Ensco and Pride with the SEC from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Security holders and other interested parties may also obtain, without charge, a copy of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents by directing a request by mail or telephone to either Investor Relations, Ensco plc, 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 Ensco with the SEC are available free of charge on Ensco s website at www.enscoplc.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 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.

Ensco 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 Ensco s proxy statement relating to its 2011 Annual 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 2011 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 and other relevant documents regarding the transaction filed with the SEC.

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: 6 May 2011 /s/ Douglas J. Manko Douglas J. Manko

Controller and Assistant Secretary

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