

NORTHWEST PIPE CO  
Form 8-K  
June 19, 2009

**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): June 18, 2009**

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OREGON**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-27140**  
(Commission File Number)

5721 SE Columbia Way, Suite 200

**93-0557988**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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Vancouver, WA 98661

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

Item 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On June 18, 2009, Northwest Pipe Company (the Company ) and Mellon Investor Services LLC ( Rights Agent ) entered into an Amended and Restated Rights Agreement dated as of June 18, 2009 (the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement ). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement.

The Amended and Restated Rights Agreement amends and restates the Rights Agreement dated as of June 28, 1999 between the Company and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C. (predecessor to the Rights Agent). The Amended and Restated Rights Agreement extends the Final Expiration Date of the Rights from June 28, 2009 to June 28, 2019. The Amended and Restated Rights Agreement also reflects certain changes in the rights and obligations of the Rights Agent and certain changes in procedural requirements under the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement. A copy of the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement.

Item 3.03 MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The information set forth under Item 1.01 above is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

4.1 Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of June 18, 2009, between Northwest Pipe Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent

**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 thereunto duly authorized on June 19, 2009.

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Stephanie J. Welty  
Stephanie J. Welty, Senior Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer