

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO  
Form 8-K  
October 09, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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):  
October 4, 2012

EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-12626  
(Commission File Number)

62-1539359  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

200 South Wilcox Drive, Kingsport, TN  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

37662  
(Zip Code)

(423) 229-2000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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Item 5.02(b) - Departure of Certain Officers

On October 8, 2012, the registrant announced the retirement of executive officer Theresa K. Lee, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal and Administrative Officer, and two related executive officer appointments, each effective January 1, 2013.

The full text of the registrant's release announcing the executive retirement and appointments is filed as Exhibit 99.01 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01(d) -- Exhibits

99.01 Public announcement by the registrant on October 8, 2012 of executive retirement and appointments.

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**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.

Eastman Chemical Company

By: /s/ Scott V. King

Scott V. King

Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: October 9, 2012