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Item
8.01. Other Events.

On July 31, 2012, Lowe's Companies Inc. (the "Company") announced that it has made a non-binding proposal to the board of directors of Canadian home improvement and hardware retailer RONA Inc. ("RONA") to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of RONA for C\$14.50 in cash per share. The proposal, which is subject to the satisfactory completion of confirmatory due diligence, was rejected by the board of directors of RONA. In light of the RONA board's decision, the Company has decided to make its proposal public in its entirety to allow all RONA shareholders and other stakeholders to evaluate the numerous economic and commercial benefits outlined in the proposal and to allow for shareholders to communicate their views directly to RONA's board.

A copy of the press release confirming the Company's non-binding proposal to RONA's board is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated July 31, 2012 confirming the Company's non-binding proposal to RONA's board to acquire RONA for C\$14.50 cash per share

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.

Lowe's Companies, Inc.

Date: July 31, 2012

/s/ Gaither M. Keener, Jr.

By: Gaither M. Keener, Jr.
Chief Legal Officer, Chief
Compliance
Officer and Secretary

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated July 31, 2012 announcing Lowe's delivery of non-binding proposal to RONA board to acquire RONA for C\$14.50 cash per share |
