

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form 8-K
May 04, 2010

**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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: April 28, 2010
(Date of earliest event reported)

Lithia Motors, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Oregon
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

0-21789
(Commission File
Number)

93 - 0572810
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

360 E. Jackson Street
Medford, Oregon 97501
(address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

541-776-6868

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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

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))

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

(a) On April 28, 2010, Lithia Motors, Inc. held its annual meeting of shareholders.

(b) The shareholders at the annual meeting acted on the following matters and the results are set forth below.

- Election of the board of directors for 2010-2011 term
- Ratification of the Independent Registered Public Accountants for the year ending December 31, 2010
- Approving an amendment to the Lithia Motors, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan

| Name | | No. of Shares Voting For | No. of Shares Withheld Voting | No. of Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sidney B. DeBoer | Class A | 15,886,408 | 600,068 | 3,072,436 |
| | Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - |
| Thomas Becker | Class A | 15,693,869 | 792,607 | 3,072,436 |
| | Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - |
| Susan O. Cain | Class A | 16,307,721 | 176,755 | 3,072,436 |
| | Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - |
| Bryan B. DeBoer | Class A | 15,275,087 | 1,211,389 | 3,072,436 |
| | Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - |
| William J. Young | Class A | 16,085,257 | 401,219 | 3,072,436 |
| | Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - |

Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accountants for the year ending December 31, 2010:

| | Number of Shares Voting For | Number of Shares Voting Against | Number of Shares Abstaining | Number of Broker Non-Votes |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Class A | 19,267,713 | 249,935 | 41,264 | |
| Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - | - |

Approve an amendment to the Lithia Motors, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan:

| | Number of Shares Voting For | Number of Shares Voting Against | Number of Shares Abstaining | Number of Broker Non-Votes |
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|----------|-----------|------------|--------|-----------|
| Class A | 4,416,068 | 12,046,101 | 24,307 | 3,072,436 |
| Class B* | 3,762,231 | - | - | - |

*With respect to all matters, each Class B common stock has 10 votes. Each of the proposals received the requisite vote for approval.

Shortly before the annual shareholder meeting, Lithia Motors became aware that RiskMetrics/ISS was recommending a vote against the amendment to the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the number of authorized shares because, while the Plan prohibited repricing of stock options, the Plan permitted an exchange of underwater stock options for restricted stock at a fair market valuation. The Company had never exchanged restricted shares for underwater stock options and had no plans to do so. To eliminate the one objection raised by RiskMetrics/ISS, the Board of Directors adopted an additional amendment to the Plan to eliminate this limited exchange opportunity. The Amended and Restated Plan reflecting both the shareholder-approved increase in the shares available under the plan and the additional board-approved changes, has been filed as an exhibit to the most recent Form 10-Q, filed April 30, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.
None

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.

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: May 3, 2010

By:

/s/ Kenneth E. Roberts

Kenneth E. Roberts
Assistant Secretary