

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form 8-K
July 29, 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: 07-29-10
(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))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 29, 2010, Lithia Motors, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing financial results for the 2nd quarter of 2010. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached as Exhibit 99.3 is a copy of the Company’s investor slide deck to be presented at the quarterly earnings conference call on July 29, 2010.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 29, 2010, the Company announced that Chris Holzshu has been selected as successor Chief Financial Officer; his appointment will be effective upon the departure of current Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey DeBoer no later than October 31, 2010.

On July 29, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors approved a dividend of \$0.05 per share for the second quarter of 2010. Lithia will pay the dividend August 27, 2010, to shareholders of record on August 13, 2010. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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| (a) | Not applicable. |
| (b) | Not applicable. |
| (c) | Not applicable. |
| (d) | Exhibits. |
| | <u>99.1 Press Release - Earnings Release</u> |
| | <u>99.2 Press Release - Dividend Release</u> |
| | <u>99.3 Press Release - Powerpoint Presentation</u> |

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: July 29, 2010

By:

/s/ Sidney B. DeBoer

Sidney B. DeBoer
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary
