

TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.
Form 8-K
June 12, 2013

**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

June 7, 2013

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

The Travelers Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-10898
(Commission
File Number)

41-0518860
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

485 Lexington Avenue

New York, New York 10017

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(917) 778-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Edgar Filing: TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC. - Form 8-K

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CF 240.14d-2(b))

 - 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 7, 2013, The Travelers Companies, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a \$1.0 Billion Five-Year Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with a syndicate of financial institutions, including Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and U.S. Bank National Association as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, Bank of America, N.A., Citibank, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association as co-syndication agents and HSBC Bank USA, National Association as documentation agent. The Credit Agreement replaced the Company's previous \$1.0 Billion Three-Year Revolving Credit Agreement, which was terminated on June 7, 2013.

The Credit Agreement provides for up to \$1.0 billion of credit. The interest rates applicable to loans under the Credit Agreement are generally based on a base rate plus a specified margin or the Eurodollar rate plus a specified margin. In addition, the Company will pay a facility fee on each lender's commitment irrespective of usage. The applicable margin and the amount of the facility fee vary based upon the Company's long-term senior unsecured non-credit-enhanced debt ratings.

Pursuant to covenants in the Credit Agreement, the Company must maintain an excess of consolidated net worth over goodwill and other intangible assets of not less than (i) \$15,480,500,000 minus (ii) 70.0% of actual stock repurchases made after March 31, 2013 up to a maximum deduction of \$1.75 billion. In addition, the Credit Agreement contains other customary restrictive covenants as well as certain customary events of default, including with respect to a change in control. Unless terminated earlier by the Company, the Credit Agreement is scheduled to expire on June 7, 2018, subject to extension with lender consent according to the terms of the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement may be used for general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, the Company has an option to request an increase of the credit available under the facility up to a maximum facility amount of \$1.5 billion, subject to the consent of lenders and the satisfaction of certain conditions.

Certain of the lenders under the Credit Agreement, or their affiliates, have provided, and may in the future from time to time provide, certain commercial and investment banking, financial advisory and other services in the ordinary course of business for the Company and its subsidiaries, for which they have in the past and may in the future receive customary fees and commissions.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

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.

Dated: June 12, 2013

THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

/s/ MATTHEW S. FURMAN

Name:

Matthew S. Furman

Title:

Senior Vice President