NEWS CORP Form 8-K March 15, 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

March 15, 2012

DATE OF REPORT

(DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

# **NEWS CORPORATION**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Delaware (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION 001-32352 (COMMISSION FILE NO.) 26-0075658 (IRS EMPLOYER

OF INCORPORATION)

**IDENTIFICATION NO.)** 

1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(212) 852-7000

(REGISTRANT S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

#### 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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On March 15, 2012, News Corporation (the "Company") and funds advised by Permira Advisers LLP announced that they have signed an agreement to sell NDS Group Limited ("NDS") to Cisco Systems Inc. for approximately \$5 billion, including the assumption of debt. The Company owns approximately 49% of NDS.

A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

#### Exhibit

#### Number Description

99.1 Press release of News Corporation, dated March 15, 2012.

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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.

NEWS CORPORATION

(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Janet Nova

Janet Nova

Senior Vice President and

Deputy General Counsel

Dated: March 15, 2012

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