

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 8-K

January 12, 2012

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 11, 2012

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Maryland | 001-13100 | 56-1871668 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) |

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| North Carolina | 000-21731 | 56-1869557 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) |

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600

Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (919) 872-4924

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants 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))

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

On January 11, 2012, we closed a \$225.0 million, seven-year unsecured bank term loan bearing interest of LIBOR plus 190 basis points. The proceeds were used to reduce amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes.

The Company also entered into floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps for the seven-year period with respect to the full principal amount of the term loan, which fix the underlying LIBOR rate at a weighted average of 1.678%. The counterparties under the swaps are the same financial institutions that participated in the term loan. These swaps were designated as hedges and are being accounted for as cash flow hedges.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

No. Description

10 Credit Agreement, dated as of January 11, 2012, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Subsidiaries named therein and the Lenders named therein

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller
Jeffrey D. Miller
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner
By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller
Jeffrey D. Miller
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: January 12, 2012