

FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC /DE/
Form 425
February 20, 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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **February 20, 2013**

SCBT Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

South Carolina
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-12669
(Commission
File Number)

57-0799315
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

520 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

29201
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(800) 277-2175**

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 8.01. Other Events.

On February 20, 2013, SCBT Financial Corporation (the Company) and First Financial Holdings, Inc. (First Financial) announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement, dated as of February 19, 2013, pursuant to which the Company and First Financial will merge. A copy of the press release containing such announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. In addition, the Company will be providing supplemental information regarding the proposed transaction in connection with a presentation to analysts and investors. The slides to be used in connection with this analyst and investor presentation are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Joint Press Release of SCBT Financial Corporation and First Financial Holdings, Inc., dated February 20, 2013 |
| 99.2 | Investor Presentation, dated February 20, 2013 |

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 thereunto duly authorized.

SCBT Financial Corporation

Date: February 20, 2013

By: /s/ John C. Pollok
Name: John C. Pollok
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

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