

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (415) 899-1555

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))

Item
2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 17, 2013, Hennessy Advisors, Inc. (“Hennessy Advisors”) issued a press release announcing, among other things, the quarterly financial results for the reporting period ended December 31, 2012. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

Item
7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 17, 2013, Hennessy Advisors issued a press release announcing, among other things, that it had declared a cash dividend of \$0.03125 per share on its common stock, payable February 25, 2013 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 1, 2013. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

Item
9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued January 17, 2013 by Hennessy Advisors, Inc. announcing quarterly financial results for the reporting period ended December 31, 2012 and declaration of cash dividend.

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.

HENNESSY
ADVISORS, INC.

January 17, 2013 By: /s/ Neil J. Hennessy
Neil J. Hennessy
President

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