

STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2010

**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)  
May 11, 2010 (May 11, 2010)  
STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-50132**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0502785**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77002-4109**  
(Zip Code)

**(713) 650-3700**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Names 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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 11, 2010, Sterling Chemicals, Inc. ( Sterling ) issued a press release announcing that Sterling 's board of directors has authorized Sterling 's management to pursue the acquisition of companies or assets with the goals of materially diversifying its cash flow streams, creating long-term growth opportunities and providing a platform for listing Sterling 's shares of common stock on The NASDAQ Stock Market or the New York Stock Exchange.

The press release announcing Sterling 's new strategic acquisition initiative is included in this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 11, 2010.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 11, 2010

**STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Kenneth M. Hale  
Kenneth M. Hale  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit No. | Description                       |
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| 99.1        | Press Release dated May 11, 2010. |