

Nalco Holding CO  
Form 8-K  
October 08, 2008

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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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 7, 2008

NALCO HOLDING COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

001-32342  
(Commission File Number)

16-1701300  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1601 W. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60563

630-305-1000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01

Other Events

On October 7, 2008, Nalco Holding Company announced the sales and earnings impacts of hurricanes Gustav and Ike on its operations. In addition it declared force majeure and allocation restrictions on products containing ethylene oxide as a result of hurricane disruptions and a separate force majeure on products containing tetrapotassium pyrophosphate (TKPP) from an unrelated supply disruption. Details are included in the press release attached as exhibit 99.1 and that is incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K:

(99.1) Press release of Nalco Holding Company dated October 7, 2008.

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.

NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

/s/ Stephen N. Landsman  
Secretary

Date: October 8, 2008

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