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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 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2013 (September 24, 2013)

**LAREDO PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**001-35380**  
(Commission File Number)

**45-3007926**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**15 W. Sixth Street, Suite 1800, Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**74119**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(918) 513-4570**

**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 September 24, 2013, Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") was informed that Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P., Warburg Pincus X Partners, L.P. and Warburg Pincus Private Equity X O&G, L.P. (together, "Warburg Pincus") initiated a pro rata distribution (the "Distribution") to the Warburg Pincus partners of approximately 3,520,000 shares of the Company's stock (the "Stock").

Pursuant to the Lock-Up Agreement executed by Warburg Pincus in connection with the Underwriting Agreement dated August 12, 2013 between the Company, certain members of the Company's management, WP IX Finance LP and Warburg Pincus and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the "Underwriting Agreement"), Warburg Pincus received a limited waiver and release for 3,520,000 shares of Company stock from the lock-up period provided for in the Lock-Up Agreement. The Lock-Up Agreements remain in effect for the Company and the certain members of Company's management who were party to the Underwriting Agreement, as well as for Warburg Pincus with respect to the remaining shares of Company stock owned by Warburg Pincus.

The Distribution represents approximately 4% of Warburg Pincus' holdings of Company stock prior to the Distribution. The Distribution is effective as of September 24, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

**LAREDO PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, INC.**

September 25, 2013

By: /s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser  
Kenneth E. Dornblaser  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel