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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): April 27, 2011

KAR Auction Services, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 001-34568 (Commission 20-8744739 (I.R.S. Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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13085 Hamilton Crossing Boulevard

Carmel, Indiana 46032

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(800) 923-3725

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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 April 27, 2011, KAR Auction Services, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The press release dated April 27, 2011 is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Within the Company s preliminary first quarter 2011 results press release and related attachments thereto, the Company makes reference to certain non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures include EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. The Company has presented reconciling information along with the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States (GAAP) for each of the above non-GAAP financial measures in the press release. In addition, the Company s reasons for presenting these non-GAAP financial measures are discussed below.

The Company believes that these measures represent important internal measures of performance. Accordingly, where these non-GAAP measures are provided, it is done so that investors have the same financial data that management uses with the belief that it will assist the investment community in properly assessing the underlying performance of the Company on a year-over-year and quarter-sequential basis. Investors should consider these non-GAAP measures in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. The specific reasons, in addition to the reasons described above, why the Company s management believes that the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding the Company s results of operations are as follows:

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA The Company's management believes that EBITDA is a useful supplement and meaningful indicator of earnings performance to be used by its investors, financial analysts and others to analyze the Company's financial performance and results of operations over time. Management believes that the inclusion of supplementary adjustments to EBITDA applied in presenting Adjusted EBITDA is appropriate to provide additional information to investors about one of the principal measures of performance used by its creditors. In addition, management uses Adjusted EBITDA to evaluate the performance of the Company and to evaluate results relative to incentive compensation targets. The most directly comparable financial performance measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is net income. A reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 is contained in the attachments to the press release. In addition, a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for each of the last four quarters and the twelve months ended March 31, 2011 is contained in the attachments to the press release.

Financial Statements and Exhibits Item 9.01 (d) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO.

DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT

99.1 Press release dated April 27, 2011 KAR Auction Services, Inc. Reports Preliminary First Quarter 2011 Results

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.

Dated: April 27, 2011

KAR Auction Services, Inc.

/s/ Eric M. Loughmiller Eric M. Loughmiller Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer