PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES Form 8-K October 17, 2012

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

October 17, 2012

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1-31720 (Commission File Number)

30-0168701 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(612) 303-6000

(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 October 17, 2012, Piper Jaffray Companies (the Company) reported its financial results for its third fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012. See the Company s press release dated October 17, 2012, which is furnished as Exhibit 99 hereto.

Item 9.01. <u>Financial Statements and Exhibits</u>. (d) <u>Exhibit</u>

99 Press Release dated October 17, 2012

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.

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

Date: October 17, 2012

By /s/ Debbra L. Schoneman
Debbra L. Schoneman

Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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