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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 01, 2013

SEITEL, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-10165 (Commission File Number)	76-0025431 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
10811 S. Westview Circle Drive Building C, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77043 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		
(713) 881-8900 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		
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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

(a) HSSE & SD Senior Vice President. The text set forth in Item 5.02(a) regarding Stephen Graham Hallows' employment agreement and stock option grant under the Seitel Holdings, Inc. 2007 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan or any relevant successor plan (the "Option Plan") effective on April 15, 2013 as approved by the Seitel, Inc. ("Seitel") board of directors (the "Board") is incorporated into this section by reference.

(b) Compensation of Named Executive Officers. The Board approved adding Stephen Hallows to the category of executive officers eligible to receive stock options under the Option Plan effective on April 15, 2013. Stephen Hallows was determined by the Board to be an executive officer, as defined by the rules promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Mr. Hallows will serve as the Health Safety Security Environment & Sustainable Development (HSSE & SD) Senior Vice President of Seitel, Inc. His annual base salary is \$300,000 (USD) and he is eligible for cash bonus awards under the Annual Incentive Plan. Under the Annual Incentive Plan, Mr. Hallows' target for a Cash Bonus is 50% of his base salary. He will be eligible to earn a maximum Cash Bonus of up to 90% of his base salary.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(a) Appointment of HSSE & SD Senior Vice President

On March 25, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board approved the appointment of Stephen Hallows, 59, to serve as Seitel's HSSE & SD Senior Vice President effective April 15, 2013. Mr. Hallows will join Seitel on April 15, 2013 which is the commencement date for the two-year term of his employment agreement (the "Employment Agreement") attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 10.1, entered into on April 1, 2013.

For the past two years, Mr. Hallows has held the title of HSSE Specialist, Western Hemisphere at BP America Inc., Subsurface ("BP"), an oil and gas exploration company. Prior to joining BP, Mr. Hallows held a number of strategic health, safety and environmental ("HSE") positions with CGGVeritas, n/k/a CGG, a leading global provider of seismic services. These positions included Group Senior Vice President, Sustainable Development and Health Safety Environment (SD & HSE) and Vice President QHSES. Prior to his 11 year tenure with CGG, Mr. Hallows served as Principal OHS Advisor for Santos Limited, an Australian hydrocarbon production company. Mr. Hallows' international industry experience also includes service as a geophysical and HSE consultant/manager with hydrocarbon exploration companies including Geophysical Consultants Limited in Axminster, UK, and Geosource/Halliburton Geophysical Services. Mr. Hallows holds a postgraduate Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety issued by Central Queensland University in Queensland, Australia; a Master of Science in Geophysics from the University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia; and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physics from the Queensland University of Technology, Queensland, Australia.

Mr. Hallows' Employment Agreement is for an initial term of two years. The Employment Agreement provides that Mr. Hallows shall be paid an annual base salary of \$300,000 (USD) and he is eligible for cash bonuses under Seitel's Annual Incentive Plan. Under the Annual Incentive Plan, Mr. Hallows' target for a Cash Bonus is 50% of his base salary and he is eligible to earn a maximum Cash Bonus of up to 90% of his base salary, subject to the goals and terms and conditions established by Seitel's Board or its compensation committee. Additionally, the Board has agreed to grant Mr. Hallows an option

to purchase 3,000 shares of the outstanding Common Stock of Seitel Holdings, Inc., parent of Seitel, pursuant to and subject to the Option Plan.

In the event of Mr. Hallows' termination of employment, Seitel shall pay any unpaid base salary and other payments and benefits owed to him under any of its plans or programs, in accordance with such plans or programs of Seitel. In addition, the Employment Agreement provides for additional benefits under certain circumstances as summarized below.

In the event Mr. Hallows' employment is terminated during the Term (a) without Cause by Seitel (other than upon death or Disability) or (b) after a Change in Control (I) without Cause or (II) the resignation for Good Reason, upon providing a release to Seitel, he shall be entitled to the following:

an amount equal to one times the Executive's annual Base Salary, any unpaid Cash Bonus earned and accrued with respect to any calendar year preceding the Date of Termination; any Cash Bonus earned and accrued with respect to the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, pro-rated for the period from January 1 of such year through the Date of Termination, and all options to purchase stock of Seitel, pursuant to the Option Plan immediately vest and become exercisable.

In the event Mr. Hallows resigns for Good Reason during the Term and prior to a Change in Control, upon providing a release to Seitel, he shall be entitled to the following:

an amount equal to one times the Executive's annual Base Salary, any unpaid Cash Bonus earned and accrued with respect to any calendar year preceding the Date of Termination, and any Cash Bonus earned and accrued with respect to the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, pro-rated for the period from the January 1 of such year through the Date of Termination.

In the event Seitel terminates the Executive's employment for Cause, the Executive voluntarily resigns during the Term, or in the event of a termination for any reason, other than death or Disability, after the Term, Mr. Hallows shall be entitled to:

any amounts earned, accrued or owing to Mr. Hallows but not yet paid, and any other vested or accrued payment and benefit in accordance with the applicable written plans or programs of Seitel.

For purposes of the termination benefits described above:

"Cause" shall mean (i) conviction of (or pleading nolo contendere to) a felony, a crime of moral turpitude, or any crime involving Seitel; (ii) willful or intentional misconduct or willful or gross neglect in connection with the performance of Mr. Hallows' duties to Seitel; (iii) fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement; (iv) failure or refusal to substantially perform Mr. Hallows' duties properly assigned to him (other than any such failure resulting from his Disability) after demand for substantial performance is delivered by the Board specifically identifying the manner in which the Board believes he has not substantially performed such duties; and (v) breach in any material respect of the material terms and provisions of the Employment Agreement or any other agreement between Mr. Hallows and Seitel.

"Good Reason" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following during the Initial Term without the Executive's consent: (i) assignment of duties materially inconsistent with a senior executive-level employee; (ii) a material reduction in the Executive's Base Salary other than a reduction that applies to similarly-situated senior executive-level employees; or (iii) the relocation of the

Executive's principal place of employment to a location more than one hundred (100) miles from his principal place of employment with Seitel on the Commencement Date.

-“Change in Control” means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- any “person” or “group” (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than one or more Existing Stockholders, is or becomes the Beneficial Owner of Voting Stock representing more than 50% of the voting power of the total outstanding Voting Stock of Seitel;
 - during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board (together with any new directors whose election to such Board or whose nomination for election by the stockholders of Seitel was approved by a vote of the majority of the directors of Seitel then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Seitel;
- (i) (a) all or substantially all of the assets of Seitel and its subsidiaries taken as a whole are sold or otherwise transferred to any Person other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent or one or more Existing Stockholders or (b) Seitel consolidates or merges with or into another Person or any Person consolidates or merges with or into Seitel, in either case under this clause (iii)(b), in one transaction or a series of related transactions in which immediately after the consummation thereof Person beneficially owning (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, Voting Stock representing in the aggregate a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Seitel immediately prior to such consummation do not beneficially own (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, Voting Stock representing a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Seitel or the surviving or transferee Person; or
- (ii) (iii) 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, Voting Stock representing in the aggregate a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Seitel immediately prior to such consummation do not beneficially own (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, Voting Stock representing a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Seitel or the surviving or transferee Person; or
- (iv) Seitel shall adopt a plan of liquidation or dissolution or any such plan shall be approved by the stockholders of Seitel.

On April 4, 2013, Seitel issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Hallows as Health Safety Security Environment & Sustainable Development Senior Vice President. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

- 10.1 Employment Agreement between Stephen Graham Hallows and Seitel, Inc. dated April 1, 2013
- 99.1 Press Release of Seitel, Inc. dated April 4, 2013

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.

SEITEL, INC.

Date: April 04, 2013

By: /s/ Robert D. Monson
Robert D. Monson
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
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