

Dolan Co.  
Form 8-A12B  
January 25, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**The Dolan Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation

or organization)

222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2300

**43-2004527**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.

55402

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**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of each class to be so registered</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered</b>
<b>8.5% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-163861.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

**Item 1. Description of Securities to be Registered**

This Registration Statement relates to the registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of shares of 8.5% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Series B Preferred Stock), of The Dolan Company, a Delaware corporation (the Company). The description of the Series B Preferred Stock to be registered hereunder is set forth under the caption Description of the Series B Preferred Stock in the Company's final prospectus supplement with respect to the Series B Preferred Stock (the Prospectus Supplement) to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (File No. 333-163861). The Prospectus Supplement shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 22, 2013).
- 3.2 Certificate of Designations of 8.5% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

THE DOLAN COMPANY

Date: January 25, 2013

By: /s/ Vicki J. Duncomb  
Vicki J. Duncomb  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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