Rockwood Holdings, Inc.
Form 8-K
December 14, 2012

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

## PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

## Rockwood Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(Jurisdiction of Incorporation)
(Commission File Number)
52-2277366
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

100 Overlook Center
(Address of registrant s principal executive office)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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## Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 12, 2012, Rockwood Holdings, Inc. ( Rockwood ) and one of its subsidiaries entered into a Deed of Termination and Release (the Termination Agreement ) with Talison Lithium Limited, a company incorporated in Australia ( Talison ) to terminate the Scheme Implementation Agreement entered into by Rockwood and Talison on August 23, 2012 (the Scheme Implementation Agreement ). Pursuant to the Termination Agreement, Talison will pay Rockwood a C $\$ 7.0$ million break fee, as required under the Scheme Implementation Agreement, as a result of the withdrawal by Talison s board of directors of its recommendation that Talison shareholders vote in favor of a proposed offer by Rockwood to acquire Talison (the Proposal ) in connection with the decision of Talison s board of directors to recommend that Talison shareholders vote in favor of a competing proposal. In addition, the Termination Agreement provides for a mutual release by the parties to the Termination Agreement in connection with the Proposal, the Scheme Implementation Agreement and the termination of the Scheme Implementation Agreement. The termination of the Scheme Implementation Agreement will become effective upon Talison s payment of the $\mathbf{C} \$ 7.0$ million break fee to Rockwood.

The Termination Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 1.02. Termination of Material Definitive Agreement.

The information with respect to the termination of the Scheme Implementation Agreement provided in Item 1.01 of this report is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.02. The terms of the Scheme Implementation Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Rockwood s Form 8-K dated August 23, 2012, were described in Item 1.01 of such Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

## (d) Exhibits.

## Exhibit No.

## Description

10.1 Deed of Termination and Release among Rockwood Holdings, Inc., Rockwood Lithium Australia Pty Limited and Talison Lithium Limited, dated December 12, 2012.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC.

| By: | /s/ Michael W. Valente |  |
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| Name: | Michael W. Valente |  |
|  | Title: | Assistant Secretary |

Dated: December 14, 2012

