

GENUINE PARTS CO
Form 8-K
January 05, 2012

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):

January 5, 2012

Genuine Parts Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

001-05690

58-0254510

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2999 Circle 75 Pkwy, Atlanta, Georgia

30339

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

770.953.1700

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 8.01 Other Events.

On January 5, 2012 Genuine Parts Company (NYSE: GPC) announced that it has completed the purchase of a 30% stake in the Exego Group for approximately \$150 million (US\$) in cash, effective January 1, 2012. The Company had previously announced the pending agreement to invest in Exego on September 26, 2011.

Exego Group, headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, is a leading aftermarket distributor of automotive replacement parts and accessories in Australasia, with annual revenues of approximately \$1 billion (US\$) and a company-owned store footprint of more than 430 locations across Australia and New Zealand.

A copy of the press release is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 5, 2012

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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.

Genuine Parts Company

January 5, 2012

By: *Jerry W. Nix*

Name: Jerry W. Nix

Title: Vice Chairman and CFO

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated January 5, 2012 |