ALEXANDER & BALDWIN INC Form 8-K August 05, 2010

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

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 30, 2010

Hawaii 000-00565 99-0032630 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation) Identification No.)

822 Bishop Street, P. O. Box 3440 Honolulu, Hawaii 96801 (Address of principal executive office and zip code)

(808) 525-6611 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

In a press release issued on July 29, 2010, Matson Navigation Company, Inc. ("Matson"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., announced that it will initiate a new, second China shipping service. In connection with this new China shipping service, Matson will enter into time charter agreements for five container ships, with terms ranging from one to two years, and leases for containers with terms of approximately five years. The expected aggregate cost of such time charter agreements and leases is approximately \$55 million. The Company became obligated for the charter of two container ships on July 30, 2010.

Statements in this Form 8-K that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements," within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, that involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the relevant forward-looking statement. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the statements include, without limitation, those described on pages 17-26 of the Form 10-K in the Company's 2009 annual report. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: August 5, 2010

ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.

/s/ Stanley M. Kuriyama Stanley M. Kuriyama President and Chief Executive Officer