

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form 8-K
January 06, 2009

**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, 2009

Lithia Motors, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Oregon
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

0-21789
(Commission File
Number)

93 - 0572810
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

360 E. Jackson Street
Medford, Oregon 97501
(address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

541-776-6868
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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 5, 2009, Lithia Motors, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors voted to suspend its quarterly dividend for the fourth quarter of 2008. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

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| (b) | Not applicable. |
| (c) | Not applicable |
| (d) | Exhibits.
<u>99.1 Press Release</u> |

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.

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: January 5, 2009

By: /s/ Kenneth E. Roberts
Kenneth E. Roberts
Assistant Secretary
