

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 22, 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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **November 22, 2010 (November 22, 2010)**

**AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Certificate of Incorporation)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-32922**  
(Commission File Number)

**05-0569368**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**120 North Parkway Drive**

**Pekin, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**61554**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(309) 347-9200**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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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**Other Events.**

***Senior Secured Term Loan***

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. (the Company) is seeking to enter into a \$200 million senior secured term loan (the Term Loan) pursuant to the Company's previously announced debt commitment letter (see Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 2, 2010). To accomplish this, the Company intends to begin meeting with potential lenders for the Term Loan on or about December 1, 2010. Proceeds from the Term Loan will be used (a) to refinance the Company's 13% senior secured notes due 2015, (b) to pay related transaction costs, fees and expenses and (c) for general corporate purposes. There can be no assurance the Company will consummate the Term Loan or the timing or terms of any such transaction.

***Forward Looking Statements***

Certain information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K may be deemed to be forward looking statements within the meaning of section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, including the Company's plans to enter into the Term Loan. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this Current Report on Form 8-K, are forward looking statements. Any forward looking statements are not guarantees of the Company's future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward looking statements. The Company disclaims any duty to update any forward looking statements. Some of the factors that may cause the Company's actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward looking statements include the following:

- Its ability to obtain and maintain normal terms with vendors and service providers;
- Its estimates of allowed general unsecured claims, unliquidated and contingent claims and estimations of future distributions of securities and allocations of securities among various categories of claim holders;
- Its ability to maintain contracts that are critical to its operations;
- Its ability to attract and retain customers;
- Its ability to fund and execute its business plan and any ethanol plant expansion projects;
- Its ability to receive or renew permits to construct or commence operations of its proposed capacity additions in a timely manner, or at all;
- Laws, tariffs, trade or other controls or enforcement practices applicable to its operations;
- Changes in weather and general economic conditions;
- Overcapacity within the ethanol, biodiesel and petroleum refining industries;
- Availability and costs of products and raw materials, particularly corn, coal and natural gas and the subsequent impact on margins;

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- Its ability to raise additional capital and secure additional financing, and its ability to service its debt or comply with its debt covenants;
- Its ability to attract, motivate and retain key employees;

- Liability resulting from actual or potential future litigation; and
- Plant shutdowns or disruptions.

SIGNATURE

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 hereto duly authorized.

Dated: November 22, 2010

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.

By:	/s/ Calvin Stewart	
	Name:	Calvin Stewart
	Title:	Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer