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“Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

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

On July 30, 2012, Benchmark Electronics, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a \$200 million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) by and among the Company and the following Banks: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent, issuing lender and swingline lender; and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Compass Bank as co-syndication agents. This agreement amends and restates the Company’s existing \$100 million secured credit agreement, and is a five year revolving credit facility for general corporate purposes with a maturity date of July 30, 2017. The Credit Agreement includes an accordion feature under which total commitments under the facility may be increased by an additional \$100 million, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement is not complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Credit Agreement which is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9-01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated July 30, 2012.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS, INC.

Dated: August 3, 2012 By: /s/ GAYLA J. DELLY
Gayla J. Delly
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBITS INDEX

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Number Description

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* Certain schedules and exhibits to this agreement have been omitted from the filing. Any such exhibits or schedules shall be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.