

Tree.com, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 23, 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): **February 17, 2012**

Tree.com, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34063
(Commission
File Number)

26-2414818
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11115 Rushmore Drive, Charlotte, NC
(Address of principal executive offices)

28277
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(704) 541-5351**

Not Applicable

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

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Item 1.01. *Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.*

As described in Item 2.03 below, on February 17, 2012, Tree.com, Inc. (the Company), through its subsidiary Home Loan Center, Inc. (HLC) amended and restated its existing \$100.0 million warehouse line of credit with Citibank, N.A. (Citibank). Citibank, or its affiliates, has also participated as a secondary market investor by purchasing consumer loans from HLC from time to time. The information set forth below under Item 2.03 is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

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

On February 17, 2012, HLC amended and restated its existing \$100.0 million warehouse line of credit with Citibank. The Citibank facility will continue to be used to fund consumer residential loans that are held for sale and will be secured by such loans. The term of the facility is through the earlier of (a) August 20, 2012 and (b) the first business day that is 45 days after the closing of the sale of substantially all the assets of HLC to Discover Bank (the Discover Transaction).

Under the terms of this facility, HLC is required to maintain various financial and other covenants. These financial covenants include maintaining (i) a maximum ratio of total liabilities to tangible net worth, (ii) certain minimum liquidity levels, (iii) certain tangible net worth levels, (iv) a prescribed ratio of book value assigned to HLC servicing portfolio to HLC's tangible net worth, and (v) certain consolidated net income levels for HLC.

The terms of the facility also include customary events of default (subject to applicable grace and notice periods), including among others, defaults based on (i) the nonpayment of principal, interest or fees, (ii) the failure of representations and warranties to be correct in any material respect, (iii) failure to observe certain other covenants, (iv) certain bankruptcy and insolvency events, (v) a change of control of HLC (other than the Discover Transaction) without consent, (vi) aggregate amount of all repurchase and indemnity obligations of HLC to its third party investors exceeds 50% of its liquidity, (vii) status as an FHA Approved Mortgagee is suspended or revoked, and (viii) a material adverse effect on HLC's business, property or financial condition.

Additionally, HLC continues to be required to maintain warehouse facilities from buyers and lenders other than Citibank in an aggregate amount of at least \$50.0 million. HLC's borrowings under the facility continue to be guaranteed by the Company and LendingTree, LLC.

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.

Date: February 23, 2012

TREE.COM, INC.

By:

/s/ Christopher R. Hayek
Christopher R. Hayek
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer