

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC
Form 8-K
November 15, 2007

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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 9, 2007

PENN NATIONAL GAMING, INC.

Commission file number 0-24206

Incorporated Pursuant to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

IRS Employer Identification No. 23-2234473

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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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Item 8.01. Other Events.

As described in the definitive proxy statement first mailed to the shareholders of Penn National Gaming, Inc. (the Company) on or about November 9, 2007 (the Proxy Statement), a complaint was filed previously on behalf of a putative class of public shareholders of the Company and derivatively on behalf of the Company in the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pennsylvania (the Court), styled *Superior Partners v. Carlino, et al.*, Case No. 07-9637 (the Action). The Action was filed against the Company s directors and the Company. The Action related to the proposed acquisition of the Company by affiliates of Fortress Investment Group LLC and Centerbridge Partners, L.P. (the Merger). On November 9, 2007, following settlement discussions between representatives of the parties in the Action, the parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) contemplating a settlement of the Action. Among other things, the MOU provides that, in consideration for the settlement, certain additional disclosures were made in the Proxy Statement. Shareholders of the Company who are members of the class expected to be certified in the Action will receive, at a future date, written notice of the terms of the proposed settlement. The settlement contemplated by the MOU is subject, among other things, to the execution by the parties of a definitive settlement agreement, the approval of that agreement by the Court and the consummation of the Merger. If the Court approves the settlement contemplated in the MOU, the Action will be dismissed with prejudice.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 15, 2007

PENN NATIONAL GAMING, INC.

By: /s/ Robert Ippolito

Name: Robert Ippolito

Title: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
