

ARENA RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
July 01, 2010

**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) July 1, 2010

**Arena Resources, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-31657**  
(Commission File Number)

**6555 South Lewis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**73-1596109**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(918) 747-6060**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On July 1, 2010, Arena Resources, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing the end of the go-shop period that was previously announced in connection with Amendment No. 2 to the Merger Agreement among the Company, SandRidge Energy, Inc. ( SandRidge ) and Steel Subsidiary Corporation.

A copy of the press release announcing the end of the go-shop period is included herein as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Important Additional Information Filed with the SEC**

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed business combination involving SandRidge and Arena. In connection with the proposed transaction, SandRidge filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended, on April 30, 2010 containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus, and a supplement to the joint proxy statement/prospectus on June 14, 2010, and each of SandRidge and Arena may file with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus was first mailed to stockholders of SandRidge and Arena on or about May 7, 2010 and the supplement to the joint proxy statement/prospectus was first mailed to SandRidge and Arena stockholders on or about June 17, 2010. **Investors and security holders of SandRidge and Arena are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus, the supplement and other documents filed with the SEC carefully in their entirety because they contain important information about the proposed transaction.** Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the Registration Statement, the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the supplement and other documents filed with the SEC by SandRidge and Arena through the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Free copies of the Registration Statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC may also be obtained by directing a request to SandRidge Energy, Inc., 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attention: Investor Relations, or by directing a request to Arena Resources, Inc., 6555 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136, Attention: Investor Relations.

SandRidge, Arena and their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding SandRidge's directors and executive officers is available in SandRidge's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2010, and SandRidge's proxy statement for its 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 26, 2010. Information regarding Arena's directors and executive officers is available in Arena's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2010, as amended by the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on April 30, 2010, and Arena's proxy statement for its 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on October 29, 2009. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1. Press release issued by Arena Resources, Inc. dated July 1, 2010.

**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.

**ARENA RESOURCES, INC.**

Date: July 1, 2010

By: /s/ **WILLIAM R. BROADDRICK**  
**William R. Broaddrick**  
**Vice President of Finance**