

MASCO CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
July 26, 2012

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 23, 2012**

Masco Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-5794
(Commission

File Number)

38-1794485
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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21001 Van Born Road, Taylor, Michigan
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(313) 274-7400

48180
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Masco Corporation (the Company) has reached an agreement in principle to settle the Columbus Drywall, Inc. litigation. We have agreed to pay \$75 million in exchange for full release of all claims, which cover the period 1999 to 2004. While we continue to deny that the challenged conduct was unlawful, and we do not admit to any wrongdoing, this business decision eliminates the considerable expense and uncertainty of continued litigation and is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. The settlement, which is still subject to court approval, will result in a charge to our earnings in the second quarter of 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 thereunto duly authorized.

MASCO CORPORATION

/s/ John G. Sznewajs

Name: John G. Sznewajs

Title: Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

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