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# 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): May 18, 2011 LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES N.V.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

The Netherlands 001-34726 98-0646235

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Weena 737 3013 AM Rotterdam The Netherlands

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s Telephone number, including area code: 31 10 275 5500 (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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## Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective May 18, 2011, Jeffrey S. Serota has resigned from the Supervisory Board of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. (the Company ). Mr. Serota, a senior partner in the private equity firm Ares Management LLC (Ares), was nominated to the Company s Supervisory Board by Ares under a nomination agreement between an Ares affiliate and the Company dated April 30, 2010. Under that agreement, Ares had the right to nominate one director to serve on the Supervisory Board provided it owned at least five percent (5%) of the Company s issued share capital. During the past year, Mr. Serota served as the designated director of Ares and not an independent director. On May 9, 2011, Ares informed the Company that its share ownership had fallen below the five percent (5%) threshold. As a result, the nomination agreement was terminated pursuant its terms.

The New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the Dutch Corporate Governance Code applicable to the Company each contain provisions relating to the independence of members of the Supervisory Board. After being notified that Ares—ownership of shares was less than five percent (5%) and notwithstanding Mr. Serota—s valuable service and significant contributions to the Supervisory Board, the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Supervisory Board requested Mr. Serota to submit his irrevocable resignation. With Mr. Serota—s resignation, the Supervisory Board of the Company is now composed of a majority of independent directors.

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES N.V.

Date: May 18, 2011 By: /s/ Craig B. Glidden

Craig B. Glidden

**Executive Vice President**