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PHOENIX TECHNOLOGIES LTD Form 8-K August 18, 2010

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): August 17, 2010 PHOENIX TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 0-17111 04-2685985

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification

No.)

915 Murphy Ranch Road, Milpitas, California

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

95035 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 570-1000

Not Applicable

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

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- o 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

On August 17, 2010, Phoenix Technologies Ltd. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its entry into a definitive merger agreement with affiliates of Marlin Equity Partners (Marlin) pursuant to which Marlin will acquire all outstanding shares of the Company s common stock for approximately \$139 million in total consideration. A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following documents are filed as exhibits to this report:

Item No. Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by Phoenix Technologies Ltd., dated August 17, 2010

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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: August 17, 2010 PHOENIX TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

By: /s/ Timothy C. Chu Timothy C. Chu

Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary