

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 8-K

August 12, 2005

**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 10, 2005

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

000-22494

880304799

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S,
Las Vegas, Nevada

89109

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(702) 567-7000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 10, 2005, the Registrant entered into an Eighth Amendment to Credit Agreement (the Amendment) to the Credit Agreement, dated as of December 20, 2000 (as previously amended by the First through Seventh Amendments thereto, the Credit Agreement), with the various lenders party to the Credit Agreement and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (f/k/a Bankers Trust Company), as Administrative Agent. The Amendment amends Section 9.03(iii) of the Credit Agreement to increase the maximum aggregate amount that the Registrant is permitted to expend to pay dividends on, or repurchase, capital stock of the Registrant from \$25,000,000 to \$32,500,000. A copy of the Amendment is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Each of the Exhibits listed below is incorporated herein in its entirety:

Exhibit 4.1 Eighth Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2005, among the Registrant, the various lenders party thereto and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (f/k/a Bankers Trust Company), as Administrative Agent.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

August 12, 2005

By: Peter C. Walsh

Name: Peter C. Walsh

*Title: Senior Vice President and General
Counsel*

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