

BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2011

**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**

**December 22, 2011**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-13906**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**47-0587703**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**4350 McKinley Street**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**68112**  
(Zip Code)

**(402) 453-4444**

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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**Not Applicable**

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

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  - 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 December 22, 2011, Ballantyne Strong, Inc. ( Ballantyne ), announced that its Board of Directors authorized Ballantyne to repurchase up to \$8 million of its outstanding common stock pursuant to a plan adopted under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

A copy of the Ballantyne s press release announcing the repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Ballantyne Strong, Inc. press release dated December 22, 2011.

SIGNATURE

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

BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.

Date: December 22, 2011

By:

/s/ Mary A. Carstens  
Mary A. Carstens  
Chief Financial Officer