

POPULAR INC  
Form 8-K  
May 20, 2011

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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):

May 19, 2011

Popular, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

001-34084

66-0667416

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

209 Munoz Rivera Ave., Popular Center  
Building , Hato Rey , Puerto Rico

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-765-9800

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:

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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 May 19, 2011, Popular, Inc. (the "Corporation") announced that Banco Popular de Puerto Rico ("BPPR"), its principal banking subsidiary, and a financial group led by an unrelated real estate investment and asset management firm had terminated negotiations regarding the sale by BPPR of a portfolio of non-performing construction and commercial real estate loans to a new joint venture entity to be sponsored by the financial group. On January 31, 2011, the Corporation had announced the execution of a non-binding letter of intent regarding this transaction. The negotiations were terminated as a result of the parties being unable to agree on the final terms and conditions of the definitive documentation.

The Corporation has issued a press release in connection with the termination of negotiations with the financial group, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press release dated May 19, 2011

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**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.

Popular, Inc.

*May 19, 2011*

By: */s/ Ileana Gonzalez*

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*Name: Ileana Gonzalez*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Comptroller*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press release dated May 19, 2011 |