EPL OIL & GAS, INC. Form SC 13D/A March 14, 2013

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 8)

EPL Oil & Gas, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

29270U303 (CUSIP Number)

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March 11, 2013 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Schedule)

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^{*} The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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This Amendment No. 8 ("Amendment No. 8") amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 3, 2007 (the "Original Schedule 13D"), Amendment No. 1 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on January 25, 2008 ("Amendment No. 1"), Amendment No. 2 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on March 4, 2008 ("Amendment No. 2"), Amendment No. 3 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on March 17, 2008 ("Amendment No. 3"), Amendment No. 4 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on April 3, 2008 ("Amendment No. 4"), Amendment No. 5 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on March 9, 2009 ("Amendment No. 5"), Amendment No. 6 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on September 25, 2009 ("Amendment No. 6") and Amendment No. 7 to the Original Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on July 2, 2012 ("Amendment No. 7" and together with the Original Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 6 and this Amendment No. 8, the "Schedule 13D") with respect to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of EPL Oil & Gas, Inc. (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined in this Amendment No. 8 have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 8 amends Items 3, 4 and 5 as set forth below. Except as set forth herein, the Schedule 13D is unmodified.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The Reporting Persons used approximately \$37,229,379.75 (including brokerage commissions) in the aggregate to purchase the shares of Common Stock reported in this Schedule 13D. A portion of the Common Stock held by Carlson was acquired pursuant to the conversion of Carlson's investment in the Issuer's 9.75% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"), as further described in Item 4 of Amendment No. 6.

The source of the funds used to acquire the Common Stock reported herein (including the Notes described above) is the working capital of the Funds and margin borrowings described in the following sentence. Such Common Stock is held by the Reporting Persons in commingled margin accounts, which may extend margin credit to the Reporting Persons from time to time, subject to applicable federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and credit policies. In such instances, the positions held in the margin account are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the account. The margin accounts bear interest at a rate based upon the broker's call rate from time to time in effect. Because other securities are held in the margin accounts, it is not possible to determine the amounts, if any, of margin used to purchase the Common Stock reported herein.

Mr. Pully's shares of Common Stock were granted to him in his role as a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following

As of the date hereof, the Reporting Persons may continue to sell additional shares of Common Stock, subject to then prevailing market conditions. However, the Reporting Persons have not formulated any definite plans and, depending on various other factors including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and strategic direction, actions taken by the board of directors, price levels of the Common Stock, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take other actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer if and when they deem appropriate including, without limitation, purchasing additional shares of Common Stock, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transactions with respect to the shares of Common Stock or otherwise changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j), inclusive, of the instructions to Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

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Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5.

Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Item 5 of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) As of the close of business on March 13, 2013, Carlson beneficially owned an aggregate of 3,067,734 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately 7.8% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding. As of the close of business on March 13, 2013, Mr. Pully may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 33,300 shares of Common Stock, based upon his ownership of (i) 26,599 deferred shares of Common Stock and (ii) 6,701 shares of Common Stock, in each case, granted by the Issuer to Mr. Pully as compensation for his service as a director of the Issuer.

The aggregate percentage of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons is based upon 39,218,719 shares of Common Stock outstanding, which is the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of February 28, 2013, as reported in the Issuer's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, filed on March 7, 2013.

(b) Carlson Capital, Asgard and Mr. Carlson have the power to vote and direct the disposition of (i) the 156,960 shares of Common Stock reported herein as owned by Offshore, (ii) the 791,754 shares of Common Stock reported herein as owned by Double Offshore, (iii) the 679,570 shares of Common Stock reported herein as owned by DBD LP and (iv) the 1,439,450 shares of Common Stock reported herein as owned by Intermediate. Other than as described herein, Mr. Pully has the sole power to vote and direct the disposition of the 33,300 shares beneficially owned by him individually.

(c) All transactions effected by the Reporting Persons in the Common Stock during the past sixty (60) days are set forth on Appendix B hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 13, 2013

BLACK DIAMOND OFFSHORE LTD.

By: Carlson Capital, L.P., its investment manager

By: Asgard Investment Corp. its general partner

> By: /s/ Clint D. Carlson Name: Clint D. Carlson

Title: President

DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND OFFSHORE LTD.

By: Carlson Capital, L.P., its investment manager

By: Asgard Investment Corp. its general partner

> /s/ Clint D. Carlson By: Name: Clint D. Carlson

Title: President

DOUBLE BLACK **DIAMOND** INTERMEDIATE LTD.

By: Carlson Capital, L.P., its investment manager

By:

Asgard Investment Corp. II,

its general partner

By: /s/ Clint D. Carlson Name: Clint D. Carlson

Title: President

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DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND, L.P..

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By: Asgard Investment Corp. II, its general partner

By: /s/ Clint D. Carlson Name: Clint D. Carlson Title: President

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ASGARD INVESTMENT CORP.

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APPENDIX B

TRANSACTIONS IN THE ISSUER'S SHARES OF COMMON STOCK BY THE

REPORTING PERSONS IN THE PAST SIXTY (60) DAYS

The following tables set forth all transactions in the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer effected in the past sixty (60) days by each of the Reporting Persons, as applicable. Unless otherwise noted, all such transactions were effected in open market transactions.

Double Black Diamond Offshore Ltd.

Trade Date	Amount Purchased (Sold) Price per Share (\$)
03/08/2013	(21,267)	27.7519
03/08/2013	(1,236)	27.8843
03/11/2013	(36,133)	28.2328
03/12/2013	(21,873)	27.9056
03/13/2013	(10,582)	27.8657

Black Diamond Offshore Ltd.

Trade Date	Amount Purchase	ed (Sold) Price per Share (\$)
03/08/2013	(4,215)	27.7519
03/08/2013	(246)	27.8843
03/11/2013	(7,163)	28.2328
03/12/2013	(4,336)	27.9056
03/13/2013	(2,098)	27.8657

Double Black Diamond Intermediate Ltd.

Trade Date	Amount Purchased (Sold) Price per Share (\$)
03/08/2013	(38,663)	27.7519
03/08/2013	(2,249)	27.8843
03/11/2013	(65,691)	28.2328
03/12/2013	(39,766)	27.9056
03/13/2013	(19,238)	27.8657

Double Black Diamond, L.P.

Trade Date	Amount Purchased (Sold) Price per Share (\$)
03/08/2013	(18,253)	27.7519

03/08/2013	(1,061)	27.8843
03/11/2013	(31,013)	28.2328
03/12/2013	(18,774)	27.9056
03/13/2013	(9,082)	27.8657