POPULAR INC
Form 8-K
March 26, 2013
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): March 25, 2013

POPULAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico	**001-34084**	**66-0667416**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	*(Commission File Number)*	*(IRS Employer Identification Number)*

209 Munoz Rivera Avenue
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico **00918**

(Address of principal executive offices) *(Zip code)*

(787) 765-9800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, 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))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 22, 2013, Popular, Inc. (“Popular”) announced that Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, its principal banking subsidiary, completed the previously announced sale of a portfolio of non-performing commercial and construction loans, and commercial and single-family real estate owned, with a combined unpaid principal balance on loans and appraised value of other real estate owned of approximately $995 million and book value of approximately $540 million.

Popular has issued a press release in connection with the transaction, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any of the Corporation’s filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any of the Corporation’s filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated March 25, 2013

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.

POPULAR, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: March 26, 2013 By: **/s/ Jorge J. García**
Jorge J. García
Senior Vice President and Corporate

Comptroller