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 25, 2012

Smart Online, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-32634 (Commission File Number)

95-4439334

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4505 Emperor Blvd., Suite 320 Durham, North Carolina (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

27703

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 919-765-5000

Not Applicable

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

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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On May 25, 2012, Smart Online, Inc. (the "Company") sold an additional convertible secured subordinated note due November 14, 2013 in the principal amount of \$200,000 (the "New Note") to a current noteholder upon substantially the same terms and conditions as the previously issued notes sold on November 14, 2007, August 12, 2008, November 21, 2008, January 6, 2009, February 24, 2009, April 3, 2009, June 2, 2009, July 16, 2009, August 26, 2009, September 8, 2009, October 5, 2009, October 9, 2009, November 6, 2009, December 23, 2009, February 11, 2010, April 1, 2010, June 2, 2010, July 1, 2010, August 13, 2010, August 30, 2010, September 14, 2010, September 30, 2010, November 9, 2010, February 7, 2011, March 4, 2011, April 6, 2011, May 4, 2011, September 6, 2011, October 11, 2011, November 7, 2011, December 14, 2011, January 5, 2012, February 10, 2012, March 9, 2012, April 2, 2012 and May 8, 2012 (collectively with the New Note, the "Notes"). The Company is obligated to pay interest on the New Note at an annualized rate of 8% payable in quarterly installments commencing August 25, 2012. The Company is not permitted to prepay the New Note without approval of the holders of at least a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding.

All other terms of the New Note are as described in Item 1 and Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2007 and November 12, 2008, under Item 2.03 of the Company's Current Reports on Forms 8-K filed on November 21, 2008 and February 25, 2009, and under Item 1.01 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 8, 2010, which descriptions are incorporated herein by reference.

The Company plans to use the proceeds to meet ongoing working capital and capital spending requirements.

The sale of the New Note was made pursuant to an exemption from registration in reliance on Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

The information contained in Item 2.03 is hereby incorporated by reference.

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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.

Smart Online, Inc.

May 30, 2012 By: /s/ Thaddeus J. Shalek

Name: Thaddeus J. Shalek Title: Chief Financial Officer