

STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 25, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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)  
July 24, 2008  
STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

**000-50132**  
(Commission File No.)

**76-0502785**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3600  
Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002-4109**  
(Zip Code)

**(713) 650-3700**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former names 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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Items to be Included in this Report**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

10.1\* Third Amended and Restated Plasticizers Production Agreement dated effective as of April 1, 2008 between BASF Corporation and Sterling Chemicals, Inc.

\* Confidential portions have been filed separately with the Commission.

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**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.

Date: July 24, 2008

STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.

By: /s/ John R. Beaver  
John R. Beaver  
Vice President Finance and Chief  
Executive Officer

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