HENNESSY ADVISORS INC Form 8-K January 19, 2012

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### **UNITED STATES**

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)

January 19, 2012

# HENNESSY ADVISORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 000-49872 68-0176227
(State or other jurisdiction Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

7250 Redwood Blvd., Suite 200 Novato, California (Address of principal executive offices)

94945 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (415) 899-1555

## Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 19, 2012, Hennessy Advisors, Inc. ("Hennessy Advisors") issued a press release announcing, among other things, the quarterly financial results for the reporting period ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 19, 2012, Hennessy Advisors issued a press release announcing, among other things, that it had declared a cash dividend of \$0.03125 per share on its common stock, payable March 1, 2012 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2012. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

ExhibitPress release issued January 19, 2012 by Hennessy Advisors, Inc. announcing quarterly financial results for 99.1 the reporting period ended December 31, 2011 and declaration of cash dividend.

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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.

HENNESSY ADVISORS, INC.

January 19, 2012

By:/s/ Neil J. Hennessy Neil J. Hennessy President

### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of January 19, 2012

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