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BANCORPSOUTH INC Form 8-K December 20, 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): December 20, 2013 (December 18, 2013)

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi (State or other jurisdiction

1-12991 (Commission 64-0659571 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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One Mississippi Plaza

201 South Spring Street

Tupelo, Mississippi 38804
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code (662) 680-2000

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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 December 18, 2013, BancorpSouth, Inc. issued a press release announcing that BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc., a subsidiary of BancorpSouth Bank, headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi, signed a definitive agreement to acquire the assets of Houston, Texas based GEM Insurance Agencies, LP. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press release dated December 18, 2013.

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.

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman
Cathy S. Freeman
Executive Vice President and
Corporate Secretary

Date: December 20, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release dated December 18, 2013.