

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 4, 2009**

**Sterling Mining Company**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Idaho**

*(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)*

**000-52669**

*(Commission File Number)*

**82-0300575**

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)*

**2201 N. Government Way, Ste E**

**Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814**

*(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)*

**(208) 666-4070**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(Former name 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:

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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**

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On December 2, 2009, the Company filed a Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") and a Disclosure Statement (the "Disclosure Statement") in support of the Plan. On or about December 3, 2009, the Company expects to mail to creditors and holders of equity interests notice that the Bankruptcy Court will conduct a hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan on January 5, 2010. The Disclosure Statement and the Plan are attached as Exhibit 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 8.01 of this report, including the attached Disclosure Statement and Plan, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Plan of Reorganization
99.2	Disclosure Statement

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### **STERLING MINING COMPANY**

Dated: December 4, 2009

By: /s/ Roger A. Van Voorhees  
Roger A. Van Voorhees  
President/Chief Executive Officer