

BEAM INC  
Form 8-K  
May 03, 2012

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**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 3, 2012**

**Beam Inc.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

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| <b>Delaware</b>  | <b>1-9076</b>               | <b>13-3295276</b>                       |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation)  | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification<br>No.) |
| <b>510 Lake Cook Road<br/>Deerfield, IL 60015</b><br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) |                             |   |

**(847) 948-8888**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-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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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On May 3, 2012, Beam Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its financial results for the first quarter of 2012. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to general instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, the information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

See "Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition" above.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                            |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | Press Release of Beam Inc. dated May 3, 2012. |

**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.

BEAM INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: May 3, 2012 By: /s/ Robert F. Probst  
Name: Robert F. Probst  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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