
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): November 17, 2011

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34626

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

58-2328421
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**11695 Johns Creek Parkway
Suite 350
Johns Creek, GA 30097-1523**
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

770-418-8800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 17, 2011, Piedmont 500 West Monroe Mezz I LLC, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Registrant"), paid \$43.9 million to the respective lenders in full satisfaction of the \$45.0 million mezzanine loan participation indirectly secured by the 500 West Monroe Building in Chicago, Illinois. The loan had the option to be paid off prior to maturity without incurring a defeasance or yield maintenance penalty. The \$140.0 million mortgage note, which is directly secured by the 500 West Monroe Building, remains in force and was not impacted by the mezzanine loan participation retirement.

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.

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

Date: November 22, 2011

By: /s/ Robert E. Bowers

Robert E. Bowers

Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President