

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

April 27, 2011

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

Arête Industries, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Colorado  
(State of Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

33-16820-D  
(Commission  
File Number)

84-1508638  
(IRS Employer  
Identification)

P. O. Box 141, Westminster, CO 80036  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(303) 427-8688  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(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))
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## **Item 5.02 Departure, Election or Appointment of Directors or Officers**

The Board of Directors announced the appointment of Donald W. Prosser as Chief Executive Officer, Charles B. Davis as Chief Operating Officer, John Herzog will remain interim Chief Financial Officer, and William Stewart will remain as Corporate Secretary. Mr. Charles Gamber has stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer to pursue other business endeavors and remain on the board of directors and will serve as Assistant Corporate Secretary. The Board has begun a search for as Oil & Gas SEC Chief Financial Officer and expects to employ a full time Chief Financial Officer before the end of May 2011.

### **Section 8.01 Other Events**

On April 27, 2011, Arete Industries, Inc., a Colorado corporation issued a press release announcing the appointment of new executive officers. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. The reader is advised to read this press release in its entirety.

### **Section 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated April 27, 2011.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

ARETE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Date: April 27, 2011

By: /s/ Donald W Prosser  
Name: Donald W Prosser  
Title: Chairman of the Board





## COMPANY PRESS RELEASE

### **Arête Industries, Inc. Announces The Appointment of New Executive Officers**

#### **For Immediate Release**

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

WESTMINSTER, Colorado, April 27, 2011 (Business Wire) Arête Industries, Inc. (OTC-QB: ARETD) announced that on April 11, 2011, the newly elected Board of Directors held its first meeting and appointed the executive officers to be effective on April 29, 2011.

The Board of Directors voted to appoint Donald W. Prosser as Chief Executive Officer and Charles B. Davis as Chief Operating Officer. Both are members of the Board of Directors. Mr. Prosser has served as Chairman and was chosen as Chief Executive Officer for his experience in the public markets and previous oil and gas accounting experience. Mr. Davis also serves on the board of directors for the Company and has had 30 years of operating experience in the oil & gas E&P industry..

John Herzog will remain as interim Chief Financial Officer as a search for a permanent oil & gas Chief Financial Officer is found. We are requiring that candidate have experience with the public markets and previous experience as a oil & gas Chief Financial Officer. William Stewart will remain as the Corporate Secretary. "As part of our operating plan we are expanding our board of director and moving our offices to accommodate the needed staff as we finalize the purchase of the oil and gas properties," stated Donald W. Prosser, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Arête Industries, Inc.

#### **About the Company**

Arête Industries, Inc. is a publicly traded company. The Company is the operator of a gas gathering system and is in the process of buying oil and gas properties in the Rocky Mountain Region of the United States.

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### **Statement as to Forward Looking Statements.**

Certain statements contained herein, which are not historical, are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties not known or disclosed herein that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed herein. These statements may include projections and other “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Any such projections or statements reflect Arête’s current views about future events and financial performance. No assurances can be given that such events or performance will occur as projected and actual results may differ materially from those projected. Important factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those projected include, without limitation, Arête’s inability to meet the conditions to acquiring its current business including providing financing to provide for servicing current and new contracts; unexpected difficulties encountered in the investment market, competition, government regulation or other action, the ability of management to execute its plans to meet its goals and other risks inherent in their businesses that are detailed in their Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) filings.

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