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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 6, 2012

**Oiltanking Partners, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**001-35230**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-0684578**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**15631 Jacintoport Blvd.**  
**Houston, Texas 77015**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(281) 457-7900**  
(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

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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 of Directors of Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 6, 2012, the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of OTLP GP, LLC (the “**General Partner**”), the general partner of Oiltanking Partners, L.P. (the “**Partnership**”) announced that Anne-Marie Ainsworth will become President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Partner, effective as of November 26, 2012. Ms. Ainsworth will also be appointed as a member of the Board by Oiltanking Holding Americas, Inc. (“**OTA**”), the sole member of the General Partner as of November 26, 2012. Ms. Ainsworth will also serve as the Chief Executive Officer of OTA.

Ms. Ainsworth will replace Carlin G. Conner as Chief Executive Officer of the General Partner, who previously accepted the position of Managing Director of OTA’s foreign parent, Oiltanking GmbH. As previously announced, Mr. Conner will continue as the Chairman of the Board.

There are no understandings or arrangements between Ms. Ainsworth and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Ainsworth was selected to serve as an officer or director of the General Partner, other than her employment relationships set forth above. There are no existing relationships between Ms. Ainsworth and the General Partner, the Partnership or any of the Partnership’s subsidiaries that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K or any familial relationship that would require disclosure under Item 401(d) of Regulation S-K.

Ms. Ainsworth, age 56, previously held the position of Senior Vice President of Sunoco Refining from November 2009 until July 2011. Prior to joining Sunoco, Anne-Marie was employed by Motiva Enterprises, LLC, where she was the General Manager of the Motiva refinery in Norco, Louisiana. Ms. Ainsworth holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Rice University and a Bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toledo.

Oiltanking GmbH is the sole owner of OTA, which owns and controls the General Partner of the Partnership. Oiltanking GmbH is a subsidiary of Marquard & Bahls AG, Germany, a privately owned company.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosures.**

On November 6, 2012, the Partnership published a press release announcing the events described above, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 is deemed to be furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated November 6, 2012.

**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.

**Oiltanking Partners, L.P.**

By: OTLP GP, LLC, its general partner

Dated: November 13, 2012

By: /s/ Brian C. Brantley

Name: Brian C. Brantley

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

## Exhibit Index

99.1 Press Release dated November 6, 2012.



## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **OILTANKING PARTNERS, L.P. NAMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**HOUSTON — November 6, 2012 – Oiltanking Partners, L.P.** (NYSE: OILT) (the “Partnership”) today announced that Anne-Marie Ainsworth has been selected to succeed Carlin Conner as President and Chief Executive Officer of its general partner, effective November 26, 2012. Ms. Ainsworth will also serve on the board of directors of Oiltanking’s general partner. As previously announced, Carlin Conner has assumed the role of Managing Director of Oiltanking GmbH and joined the Executive Board of Marquard & Bahls AG. Mr. Conner will remain Chairman of the board of the general partner of the Partnership.

“On behalf of our Board of Directors and the Partnership, I am extremely pleased to welcome Anne-Marie to Oiltanking,” Carlin stated. “After a thorough search for my replacement, we believe that Anne-Marie is the ideal person to lead Oiltanking as we continue to execute the numerous growth opportunities before us. Her many years of experience in the energy industry provides her a unique understanding of our customers’ needs and the changing dynamics of our markets that are creating growth opportunities for Oiltanking. We look forward to benefitting from her leadership qualities and broad management expertise. I am confident that under Anne-Marie’s leadership, Oiltanking will continue to be one of the best in class limited partnerships positioned with a compelling growth story and a stable and growing distribution to its unitholders,” added Conner.

A refining industry veteran with 34 years of experience, Ms. Ainsworth was most recently Senior Vice President of Sunoco Refining. Prior to joining Sunoco, Anne-Marie was employed by Motiva Enterprises, LLC, where she was the General Manager of the Motiva refinery in Norco, Louisiana.

Ms. Ainsworth holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Rice University and a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toledo.

**Oiltanking Partners** is a master limited partnership engaged in independent storage and transportation of crude oil, refined petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gas. We provide our services to a variety of customers, including major integrated oil companies, distributors, marketers and chemical and petrochemical companies. Our assets are located along the Gulf Coast of the United States. For more information, visit [www.oiltankingpartners.com](http://www.oiltankingpartners.com).

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect Oiltanking Partners' current expectations, opinions, views or beliefs with respect to future events, based on what it believes are reasonable assumptions. No assurance can be given, however, that these events will occur. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties as described in Oiltanking Partners' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, available at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). By issuing forward looking statements based on current expectations, opinions, views or beliefs, Oiltanking Partners has no obligation and, except as required by law, is not undertaking any obligation, to update or revise these statements or provide any other information relating to such statements.

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