

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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) **May 1, 2009**

THE MACERICH COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MARYLAND
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-12504
(Commission File Number)

95-4448705
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, California 90401
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(310) 394-6000**

N/A
(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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.

The Company issued a press release on May 1, 2009 announcing that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock and such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Listed below are the financial statements, pro forma financial information and exhibits furnished as part of this report:

(a), (b) and (c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Index attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Macerich Company has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized, in the City of Santa Monica, State of California, on May 1, 2009.

THE MACERICH COMPANY

By: THOMAS E. O'HERN

/s/ Thomas E. O'Hern
Senior Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

**EXHIBIT
NUMBER**

NAME

99.1

Press Release dated May 1, 2009

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Arthur Coppola, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, or
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MACERICH DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND ON COMMON SHARES OF \$.60 PER SHARE PAYABLE 10% IN CASH AND 90% IN SHARES

SANTA MONICA, Calif., May 1, 2009 — The Board of Directors of The Macerich Company (NYSE: MAC) declared a quarterly dividend of \$.60 per share of common stock, consisting of a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable on June 22, 2009 to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 11, 2009.

In order to comply with REIT taxable income distribution requirements, while retaining capital and enhancing the Company's financial flexibility, the Board of Directors has determined that the cash component of the dividend (other than cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) will not exceed 10% in the aggregate, or \$.06 per share, with the balance payable in shares of the Company's common stock.

In accordance with the provisions of IRS Revenue Procedure 2009-15, stockholders will be asked to make an election to receive the dividend all in cash or all in shares. To the extent that more than 10% of cash is elected in the aggregate, the cash portion will be prorated. Stockholders who elect to receive the dividend in cash will receive a cash payment of at least \$.06 per share. Stockholders who do not make an election will receive 10% in cash and 90% in shares of common stock. The number of shares issued as a result of the dividend will be calculated based on the volume weighted average trading prices of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 10, June 11 and June 12, 2009.

The combination of the dividend reduction and the stock dividend will result in the Company retaining cash in excess of \$65 million on a quarterly basis. The Company expects to use the retained cash to reduce debt and for general corporate purposes.

The Company expects the dividend to be a taxable dividend to stockholders, regardless of whether a particular stockholder receives the dividend in the form of cash or shares. The Company reserves the right to pay the dividend entirely in cash.

An information letter and election form will be mailed to stockholders of record after the record date. The properly completed election form to receive cash or common shares must be received by Computershare Trust Company, N.A., the Company's transfer agent, prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 9, 2009. Registered stockholders with questions regarding the dividend election may call Computershare Trust Company, N.A. at (800) 756-8200. Stockholders who hold their shares through a bank, broker or nominee, and have questions regarding the dividend election should contact such bank, broker or nominee, who will also be responsible for distributing to them the letter and election form and submitting the election form on their behalf.

Macerich is a fully integrated self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust, which focuses on the acquisition, leasing, management, development and redevelopment of regional malls throughout the United States. The Company is the sole general partner and owns an 87% ownership interest in The Macerich Partnership, L.P. Macerich now owns approximately 76 million square feet of gross leaseable area consisting primarily of interests in 72 regional malls. Additional information about Macerich can be obtained from the Company's Web site at www.macerich.com.

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