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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)

April 22, 2008

PICO HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 10-18786 94-2723335

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

875 Prospect Street, Suite 301, La Jolla, California

92037

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(858) 456-6022

(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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

PICO Holdings, Inc. issued a press release on April 22, 2008 announcing that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Global Equity AG, sold its entire position of 1,312,907 shares in Jungfraubahn Holding AG for 57.70 Swiss Francs per share, resulting in gross sales proceeds of approximately 75.80 million Swiss Francs (approximately US\$75.8 million). Before this sale Global Equity AG owned 22.5% of Jungfraubahn s outstanding shares.

The sale is expected to generate a pre-tax gain of approximately US\$45.0 million in PICO Holdings consolidated statement of operations for the quarter ending June 30, 2008. However, the gain and related tax effects are expected to have only a marginal impact on PICO Holdings consolidated book value, as most of the gain and related tax effects have already been recorded as a net unrealized gain in previous accounting periods through the Other Comprehensive Income component of Shareholders Equity.

The shares of Jungfraubahn Holding AG were sold in a single trade to a Swiss brokerage firm, BEKB/BCBE, in an off-market stock exchange transaction in Switzerland. The trade occurred on April 22, 2008, with proceeds to be received not later than April 25, 2008.

The information in this Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto is being furnished (not filed) under Item 2.01 of Form 8-K.

Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release of PICO Holdings, Inc. dated April 22, 2008

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

PICO HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: April 22, 2008 By: /s/ Maxim C. W. Webb

Maxim C. W. Webb

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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