

STERLING CHEMICALS INC  
Form 10-K/A  
February 01, 2011

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-K/A  
(Amendment No. 1)**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009**

**Or**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from to  
Commission File Number 000-50132**

**Sterling Chemicals, Inc.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

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

**76-0502785**  
*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3600  
Houston, Texas 77002-4109**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**(713-650-3700)**  
*(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)*

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None**

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share  
*(Title of class)*

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, non-accelerated

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filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, held by non-affiliates at June 30, 2009 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), based upon the value of the last sales price of these shares as reported on the OTC Electronic Bulletin Board maintained by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, was \$10,221,032.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  
Yes  No .

As of February 28, 2010, Sterling Chemicals, Inc. had 2,828,460 shares of common stock outstanding.

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement relating to the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Sterling Chemicals, Inc. are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Form 10-K/A (Amendment No. 1) hereby amends the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, which the registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2010. This Amendment is being filed in order to correct Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 to the Form 10-K, which inadvertently omitted certain language relating to the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

This Amendment does not reflect events after the date of the filing of the Annual Report and does not modify or update disclosures made in the Annual Report except to correct the language in Exhibit 31.1 and Exhibit 31.2. Accordingly, this Amendment should be read in conjunction with such Form 10-K and the registrant's filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission subsequent to the date of such Form 10-K. Exhibits filed with the Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A:

Exhibit Number:	Description
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Principal Financial Officer.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

STERLING CHEMICALS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 1, 2011

By /s/ JOHN V. GENOVA  
John V. Genova  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: February 1, 2011

By /s/ DAVID J. COLLINS  
David J. Collins  
*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)*