Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. Form 8-K October 22, 2012

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): October 22, 2012

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34626

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 58-2328421 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11695 Johns Creek Parkway Suite 350 Johns Creek, GA 30097-1523 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

770-418-8800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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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

On October 22, 2012, Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Registrant") issued a press release announcing agreements in principle to settle its two class action lawsuits. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press release dated October 22, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

Date: October 22, 2012

By: /s/ Robert E. Bowers Robert E. Bowers Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press release dated October 22, 2012