

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): April 16, 2013

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-13991**

(Commission  
File No.)

**13-3974868**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**350 Park Avenue, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10022**

(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (212) 207-6400

**Not Applicable**

(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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### **ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.**

MFA Financial, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that it will redeem all of its outstanding shares of 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Series A Preferred Stock”). The redemption date will be May 16, 2013 (the “Redemption Date”), and the redemption price will be \$25 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends up to and including the date of redemption (the “Redemption Price”).

On and after the Redemption Date, dividends on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock will cease to accrue, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding, and all rights of the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will terminate, except the right to receive the Redemption Price.

The Company issued a press release, dated April 16, 2013, announcing the redemption of its Series A Preferred Stock, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information referenced in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) is being “furnished” and, as such, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed by the Company pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

As discussed therein, the press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements relate to the Company’s current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the press release as well as in the Company’s other documents filed with the SEC, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

#### Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated April 16, 2013.

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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.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Harold E. Schwartz  
Name: Harold E. Schwartz  
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: April 16, 2013

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FINANCIAL, INC.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**April 16, 2013**

**CONTACT: MFA Investor Relations  
800-892-7547**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NEW YORK METRO**

**NYSE: MFA**

**MFA Financial, Inc. Announces Redemption of 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock**

NEW YORK – MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) today announced the redemption of all 3,840,000 outstanding shares of its 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series A Preferred Stock”). The redemption date will be May 16, 2013, and the redemption price will be \$25.00 per share of Series A Preferred Stock plus accrued and unpaid dividends for the period from April 1, 2013, through and including the redemption date, for an aggregate redemption price per share of Series A Preferred Stock of approximately \$25.27153. The redemption price will be paid by MFA from the proceeds from its recently completed offering of its 7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock.

On and after the redemption date, dividends on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock will cease to accrue, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding, and all rights of the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price.

A notice of redemption will be mailed to holders of record of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock on or about April 16, 2013. Any questions relating to the notice of redemption should be addressed to Computershare Shareowner Services, the redemption and paying agent, at:

Computershare Corporate Actions  
250 Royall Street  
Canton, Massachusetts 02021

Within the U.S., U.S. territories and Canada: 1-855-396-2084  
Outside the U.S., U.S. territories and Canada: 1-781-575-2765

As a result of the redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock, it is expected that MFA will record a charge of approximately \$3.9 million in the quarter ending June 30, 2013, for costs associated with the original issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock, which will be reflected as an adjustment of approximately \$0.01 per share from net income available to common stock and participating securities in such quarter.

MFA is a real estate investment trust primarily engaged in the business of investment, on a leveraged basis, in Agency and Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities.

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### Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

When used in this filing, statements which are not historical in nature, including those containing words such as "will," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "continue," "intend," "should," "may" or similar expressions, are intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These statements regarding the following subjects, among others, may be forward-looking: the timing of the completion of the Company's redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock and the estimated amount and timing of the charge for the issuance costs with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock. These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including those described in the annual, quarterly and current reports that MFA files with the Securities and Exchange Commission, could cause MFA's actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements it makes. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made. New risks and uncertainties arise over time and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect MFA. Except as required by law, MFA is not obligated to, and does not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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