

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL
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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): **February 28, 2007**

ERP OPERATING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Illinois

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

0-24920

(Commission File Number)

36-3894853

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12252

(Commission File Number)

13-3675988

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

Two North Riverside Plaza

Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois
(Address of principal executive
offices)

60606

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(312) 474-1300**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

See Item 2.03 below.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

On February 28, 2007, ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the Operating Partnership) entered into a new \$1.5 billion unsecured revolving credit agreement that replaced the Operating Partnership s then existing \$1.0 billion credit facility, which was scheduled to mature on May 29, 2008. Equity Residential, the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, remains a guarantor of the Operating Partnership s obligations under the new credit facility. The new credit facility is with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as syndication agent, Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as joint lead arrangers and joint book runners, Suntrust Bank, Wachovia Bank, National Association, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., LaSalle Bank National Association, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, and US Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents, and a syndicate of other banks.

The new credit facility matures on February 28, 2012. The Operating Partnership has the ability to increase available borrowings up to \$2.0 billion by adding additional banks to the facility or obtaining the agreement of existing banks to increase their commitments. The interest rate on the advances under the new credit facility will generally be LIBOR plus a spread, which is dependent on the current credit rating of the Operating Partnership s long-term debt and is currently 32.5 basis points, or based upon bids received from the lending group. In addition, there is an annual facility fee, which is based on the credit rating of the Operating Partnership s long-term debt, and is currently 10 basis points.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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| 10.1 | Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of February 28, 2007 among ERP Operating Limited Partnership, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as syndication agent, Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as joint lead arrangers and joint book runners, Suntrust Bank, Wachovia Bank, National Association, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., LaSalle Bank National Association, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, and US Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents, and a syndicate of other banks (the Credit Agreement). |
| 10.2 | Guaranty of Payment made as of February 28, 2007 between Equity Residential and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent for the banks party to the Credit Agreement. |

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

ERP OPERATING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Equity Residential, its general partner

Date: February 28, 2007

By: /s/ Donna Brandin
Name: Donna Brandin
Its: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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