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RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC Form 6-K February 28, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarter ended December 31, 2011

Commission File Number: 001-13425

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

9500 Glenlyon Parkway

Burnaby, BC, Canada

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(778) 331 5500

(Address of principal executive offices)

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99.1 Press release dated February 28, 2012 reporting the Company s results as at and for the period ended December 31, 2011 **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, thereunto duly authorized.

RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INCORPORATED

(Registrant)

Date: February 28, 2012

By: /s/ Jeremy Black

Jeremy Black

Corporate Secretary