

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2013

**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): **April 18, 2013**

**RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**British Columbia, Canada**

**001-34852**

**Not applicable**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**225 Union Blvd., Suite 250**

**80228**

**Lakewood, Colorado**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(720) 278-2460**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02**

**Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b)

On April 18, 2013, Mark T. Brown resigned as a director of Rare Element Resources Ltd. (the Company), effective immediately, citing personal reasons.

On April 23, 2013, Paul H. Zink resigned as a director and chair of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Company, effective immediately, due to other commitments.

(d)

The Board has appointed Mr. Lowell Shonk as a director and chairman of the Audit Committee, effective April 23, 2013, until the expiration of the current term at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, at which he will stand for re-election, and until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal. Mr. Shonk has been on the executive management team of Cupric Canyon Capital LP/LLC, a private equity company focused on investing in early-stage copper projects worldwide, since 2010. Previously, he served as Vice President of Financial Operations and Analysis at Phelps Dodge and Freeport McMoran from 1999 to 2009. He is also the current chairman of the audit committee of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration. Mr. Shonk obtained his undergraduate degree in economics from Indiana University, a master's degree in Mineral Economics from Colorado School of Mines and an MBA from the University of Colorado - Denver with an emphasis in Finance and Accounting.

To the Company's knowledge, there is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Shonk and any other person pursuant to which he was selected to serve as a director. Additionally, there are no transactions involving the Company and Mr. Shonk that the Company would be required to report pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Mr. Shonk will receive compensation in accordance with the Company's standard compensation arrangements as described in its Proxy Statement, dated October 26, 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: April 24, 2013

**Rare Element Resources Ltd.**

**/s/ David Suleski**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: David Suleski

Title: Chief Financial Officer