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): September 12, 1996

FM PROPERTIES INC.

0-19989

(Commission

(Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1615 Poydras Street

72-1211572

Number)

(IRS Employer Identification

New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

Item 5. Other Events. _____ The following news release was issued by FM Properties Inc. on September 12, 1996:

FM PROPERTIES AGREES TO SELL ASSETS OF CIRCLE C LAND CORP.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 12, 1996 -- FM Properties Inc. (NASDAQ:FMPO) announced today that it has agreed to sell the assets of its wholly owned subsidiary, Circle C Land Corp. (CCLC), for \$34 million to an investor group. CCLC's assets consist primarily of approximately 1,000 acres of undeveloped commercial and multi-family property within the Circle C Ranch development near Austin, Texas. During 1995, FMPO sold the residential property at the Circle C Ranch development for \$15.8 million to the same investor group.

FMPO has received a \$1 million nonrefundable cash deposit on this transaction. The balance of the \$34 million purchase price is to be paid \$30 million in cash and \$3 million in a secured

note at closing, which is expected prior to March 31, 1997. No significant gain or loss will be realized on the sale and the cash proceeds will be used by FMPO to reduce its outstanding debt which currently is approximately \$70 million.

FMPO is engaged in the development and marketing of real estate in the Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, Texas areas.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

FM PROPERTIES INC.

By: /s/ William J. Blackwell William J. Blackwell Vice President and Controller (authorized signatory and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: September 12, 1996