

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 month of January, 2013
Commission File Number 0-30314

BONTAN CORPORATION INC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

47 Avenue Rd., Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5R 2G3

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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NEWS RELEASE

BONTAN RECEIVES ESCROWED FUNDS

Toronto, Ontario, January 17, 2013 - Bontan Corporation Inc. ("the Company") (OTCBB: BNTNF) ("Bontan") is pleased to inform that the Israeli Tax Authority ("ITA") approved the release of approximately US\$1.6 million to Bontan, which have been held in an escrow account in Israel pending ITA clearance. These funds were part of a settlement agreement with the IPC Parties as detailed in our press release of July 2, 2012.

Further to our announcement on December 12, 2012, the company is currently engaged in confidential negotiations to potentially acquire a biotech company. Further updates will be provided shortly.

About Bontan Corporation Inc:

Bontan Corporation Inc. recently concluded a settlement on its indirect oil and gas interest in Israel and now seeks business opportunities in the biotech sector.

For further information, contact Kam Shah, Chief Executive Officer of Bontan, at (416) 929-1806 and for investor relations contact John Robinson at (416) 860-0211.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. federal and Canadian securities laws. Any such statements reflect Bontan's current views and assumptions about future events and financial performance. Bontan cannot assure that future events or performance will occur. Important risks and factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated in our forward-looking statements.

Bontan assumes no obligation and expressly disclaims any duty to update the information in this News Release.

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.

Dated: January 17, 2013

BONTAN CORPORATION INC.

By: /s/ Kam Shah

Kam Shah

Chief Executive Officer
