Genie Energy Ltd. Form 8-K September 03, 2014

# 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): September 2, 2014

#### GENIE ENERGY LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

### 1-35327

(Commission File Number)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

45-2069276 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

550 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey (Address of principal executive offices)

07102 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 438-3500

#### Not Applicable

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

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 8.01 Other Events.

On September 2, 2014, the Jerusalem District Committee for Planning and Building voted to decline to issue Israel Energy Initiatives, Ltd. ("IEI") a permit to build and operate an oil shale pilot drilling project in Israel's Shfela region. IEI, a majority owned subsidiary of Genie Energy, Ltd. (the "Registrant"), holds an exclusive Shale Oil Exploration and Production License awarded in July 2008 by the Israeli Ministry of National Infrastructures.

The Registrant and IEI are disappointed by the council's decision and are currently evaluating options to determine the best course of action to move forward to exploit the valuable resource covered by our exploration license.

A copy of the September 3, 2014 press release relating to the above events is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Document

99.1 Press Release of the Registrant dated September 3, 2014.

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## **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.

## GENIE ENERGY LTD.

By: /s/ Howard S. Jonas

Name: Howard S. Jonas Title: Chief Executive

Officer

Dated: September 3, 2014

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Exhibit

Number Document

Press Release of the Registrant dated September 3, 2014.