

AMERICAN APPAREL, INC
Form 8-K
April 09, 2009

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 3, 2009

American Apparel, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 001-32697 | 20-3200601 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 747 Warehouse Street, Los Angeles, California | 90021-1106 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (213) 488-0226

Not Applicable

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01

Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a),(b) Effective April 3, 2009, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Audit Committee") of American Apparel, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2009, and dismissed Marcum & Kliegman LLP ("M&K") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Deloitte accepted the engagement as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 on April 6, 2009.

As described below, the change in independent registered public accounting firms is not the result of any disagreement with M&K.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had no disagreements with M&K on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure that, if not resolved to M&K's satisfaction, would have caused M&K to make reference to the subject matter thereof in connection with its report on the Company's consolidated financial statements for either of such years.

M&K's audit report dated March 16, 2009 (which was included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 16, 2009 (the "2008 Form 10-K")) on the Company's consolidated financial statements as of, and for the years ended, December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, nor was it qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, there were no "reportable events" (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K), except that (i) in M&K's report dated March 16, 2009 (which was included in the Company's 2008 Form 10-K) on the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, M&K expressed an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting due to the existence of the material weaknesses identified and described in "Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" under Item 9A in the Company's 2008 Form 10-K; and (ii) M&K discussed with the Audit Committee the existence of the material weaknesses in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified and described in "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" under Item 9A in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the SEC on March 17, 2008.

In accordance with Item 304(a)(3) of Regulation S-K, the Company provided M&K with a copy of the disclosures it is making in this Current Report on Form 8-K prior to the time this Current Report was filed with the SEC. The Company requested that M&K furnish a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether or not it agrees with the statements made herein. A copy of M&K's letter dated April 8, 2009 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 hereto.

During the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has consulted with Deloitte on any of the matters or events set forth in Item 304(a)(2) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits.

16.1 Letter of Marcum & Kliegman LLP dated April 8, 2009

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.

AMERICAN APPAREL, INC.

Date: April 8, 2009

By:

/s/ Adrian
Kowalewski

Name: Adrian
Kowalewski

Title: Chief
Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 16.1 | Letter of Marcum & Kliegman LLP dated April 8, 2009 |

[LETTERHEAD OF MARCUM & KLIEGMAN LLP]

April 8, 2009

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549

Commissioners:

We have read the statements made by American Apparel, Inc. under Item 4.01 of its Form 8-K dated April 3, 2009. We agree with the statements concerning our Firm in such Form 8-K; we are not in a position to agree or disagree with other statements of American Apparel, Inc. contained therein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Marcum & Kliegman LLP

Marcum & Kliegman LLP

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