

COTT CORP /CN/
Form 8-K
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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): December 4, 2014

Cott Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-31410
(Commission

File Number)

98-0154711
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

6525 Viscount Road	L4V1H6
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada	
5519 West Idlewild Avenue	
Tampa, Florida, United States	33634
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code(905) 672-1900
(813) 313-1800

N/A

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

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 4, 2014, Cott Corporation (the Company), its wholly owned subsidiary Cott Beverages Inc. (Cott Beverages), and certain subsidiaries of the Company, as guarantors (the Guarantors), entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement) with certain initial purchasers named in Schedule I therein (the Initial Purchasers) for a private placement offering of \$625 million in aggregate principal amount of Cott Beverages 6.75% senior notes due 2020 (the New Notes). Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Initial Purchasers agreed to purchase the New Notes. Among other things, the Company, Cott Beverages and the Guarantors (i) agreed, for a period of 60 days, not to, without the prior written consent of the Initial Purchasers, directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of, any securities similar to the notes, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for the notes or any such similar securities, except for the notes sold to the initial purchasers pursuant to the purchase agreement; and (ii) agreed to indemnify the Initial Purchasers with respect to certain aspects of the offering of the New Notes. The Purchase Agreement also contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company, Cott Beverages and the Guarantors.

The New Notes were offered and are anticipated to be sold by Cott Beverages to the Initial Purchasers at a price set forth in the Purchase Agreement in reliance on an exemption pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Delivery to the Initial Purchasers of, and payment for, the New Notes is anticipated to be made on or about December 12, 2014. The New Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

The obligations of the Initial Purchasers to purchase the New Notes are subject to customary terms and conditions, including accuracy of representations and warranties of the Company and Cott Beverages and receipt of legal opinions and certificates, in each case as set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

Cott Beverages expects to use the net proceeds from the offering to fund a portion of the purchase price and related fees and expenses for the previously announced and pending acquisition of DSS Group, Inc. (the DSS Acquisition). The offering of the New Notes is expected to close concurrently with, and will be conditioned on, the closing of the DSS Acquisition. The Company intends to finance the remaining portion of the DSS Acquisition through a draw-down on its asset based lending facility as well as a private offering of preferred shares to current investors of DSS Group, Inc.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 4, 2014, the Company announced via press release that its wholly owned subsidiary, Cott Beverages, priced an offering of \$625 million in aggregate principal amount of the New Notes. The New Notes will mature on January 1, 2020 and interest on the New Notes will accrue and be payable semi-annually commencing July 1, 2015 at the rate of 6.75% per annum. The New Notes will yield gross proceeds to Cott Beverages of approximately \$625 million. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit
No.**

Description

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- 1.1 Purchase Agreement, dated December 4, 2014, among Cott Corporation, Cott Beverages Inc., certain of Cott Corporation's subsidiaries, as guarantors, and Barclays Capital Inc., acting on behalf of itself and as the Representative of the several Initial Purchasers named in Schedule I thereto.
- 99.1 Press Release dated December 4, 2014 issued by Cott Corporation regarding the pricing of Cott Beverages Inc.'s 6.75% senior notes due 2020.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

December 5, 2014

Cott Corporation
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Marni Morgan Poe
Marni Morgan Poe
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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