GHL Acquisition Corp. Form 8-K January 22, 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): January 21, 2009 **GHL ACQUISITION CORP.** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**DELAWARE** 

001-33963

26-1344998 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

300 Park Avenue, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10022

(Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 389-1500

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

**Not Applicable** 

(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)) 0

## Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant s Certifying Accountant

(a) Effective January 21, 2009, GHL Acquisition Corp (the Company ), pursuant to the approval of the Company s Audit Committee, dismissed Eisner LLP ( Eisner ) as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm and engaged Ernst & Young LLP ( E&Y ) as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm.

Eisner s audit report on the Company s financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2007 does not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and are not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. Eisner has not audited our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 or issued an audit opinion in respect thereof.

During the period November 2, 2007 (inception) to December 31, 2007 and during the subsequent interim period ended September 30, 2008, and thereafter through the date of dismissal of Eisner, there were no disagreements between the Company and Eisner on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope of procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to Eisner s satisfaction, would have caused Eisner to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its audit report on the Company s financial statements for such period.

During the period November 2, 2007 (inception) to December 31, 2007 and during the subsequent interim period ended September 30, 2008, and thereafter through the date of dismissal of Eisner, there were no reportable events as defined in Section 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company has provided Eisner with a copy of the above disclosures and requested that Eisner furnish us with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements. A copy of the letter is filed as Exhibit 16 to this Form 8-K.

(b) On January 21, 2009, the Audit Committee of the Company s Board of Directors appointed Ernst & Young LLP as its independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2008. During the period ended December 31, 2007, and in the interim period ended January 21, 2009, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf consulted with Ernst & Young LLP on any of matters or events set forth in Item 304(a)(2) of Regulation S-K. **Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.** 

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

Exhibit Number

Description

16.1 Letter of Eisner LLP regarding change in certifying accountant

## 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.

GHL Acquisition Corp.

Date: January 21, 2009

By: /s/ Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr. Name: Harold J. Rodriguez, Jr. Title: Chief Financial Officer

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