

RITE AID CORP
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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):

May 15, 2012 (May 14, 2012)

Rite Aid Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

of Incorporation)

1-5742
(Commission File Number)

23-1614034
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(717) 761-2633

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 15, 2012, Rite Aid Corporation (the *Company*) closed its previously announced offering (the *Offering*) of an additional \$421.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 9.25% senior notes due 2020 (the *New Notes*) to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A, and outside of the United States pursuant to Regulation S, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*). The *New Notes* were being offered as additional notes under the Indenture (as defined below) pursuant to which the *Company* previously issued \$481.0 million aggregate principal amount of 9.25% senior notes due 2020 (the *Original Notes*) and together with the *New Notes*, the *Notes*) on February 27, 2012. The *New Notes* and the *Original Notes* are equal in right of payment, vote together with, and form a single class of *Notes* under the Indenture. The *New Notes* are unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the *Company* and are guaranteed on an unsecured basis by the same subsidiaries (the *Subsidiary Guarantors*) that guarantee the *Company*'s obligations under its senior secured credit facility and the *Company*'s outstanding 8.00% senior secured notes due 2020, 9.75% senior secured notes due 2016, 10.375% senior secured notes due 2016, 7.5% senior secured notes due 2017, 10.25% senior secured notes due 2019, 9.5% senior notes due 2017 and the *Original Notes*.

The *Company* is using the net proceeds of the *Offering*, together with available cash, to fund its previously announced cash tender offer (the *Tender Offer*) for any and all of its outstanding 9.375% senior notes due 2015 (the *Old Notes*) and the related consent solicitation (the *Consent Solicitation*). See the disclosure in Item 8.01 below for disclosure regarding the *Tender Offer* and *Consent Solicitation*.

See the disclosure in Item 8.01 for disclosure regarding the Fourth Supplemental Indenture (as defined below). Such disclosure is also incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Registration Rights Agreement

On May 15, 2012 (the *Closing Date*), the *Company* entered into an exchange and registration rights agreement relating to the *New Notes*, among the *Company*, the *Subsidiary Guarantors* and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as the initial purchasers (the *Initial Purchasers*) of the *New Notes* (the *Registration Rights Agreement*). The *Registration Rights Agreement* requires the *Company* and the *Subsidiary Guarantors*, at their cost, to among other things: (i) file a registration statement with respect to the *New Notes* by July 26, 2012, which is 150 days after the date of original issuance of the *Original Notes*, to be used in connection with the exchange of the *New Notes* and related guarantees for publicly registered notes and related guarantees with substantially identical terms in all material respects (except for the transfer restrictions relating to the *New Notes*); (ii) use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause the applicable registration statement to become effective under the *Securities Act* by September 24, 2012, which is 210 days after the date of original issuance of the *Original Notes*; and (iii) as soon as practicable after the effectiveness of the applicable registration statement, initiate an exchange offer. In addition, under certain circumstances, the *Company* and the *Subsidiary Guarantors* may be required to file a shelf registration statement to cover resales of the *New Notes*.

If: (i) the *Company* and the *Subsidiary Guarantors* fail to file any of the registration statements required by the *Registration Rights Agreement* on or before the date specified for such filing; (ii) any of such registration statements are not declared effective by the *Securities and Exchange Commission* on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness; (iii) the *Company* and the *Subsidiary Guarantors* fail to consummate the exchange offer within 270 days after the date of original issuance of the *Original Notes*; (iv) a shelf registration statement, if required, has not been filed on or prior to the 30th day after the

Company's obligation to file a shelf registration statement arises; (v) any required registration statement is filed and declared effective but thereafter ceases to be effective during the applicable period (subject to certain exceptions) (each such event referred to in clauses (i) through (v) above, a "Registration Default"), then the Company will be obligated to pay additional interest to each holder of the New Notes that are subject to transfer restrictions, with respect to the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of a Registration Default, at a rate of 0.25% per annum on the principal amount of the New Notes that are subject to transfer restrictions held by such holder. The amount of additional interest will increase by an additional 0.25% per annum with respect to each subsequent 90-day period until all Registration Defaults have been cured, up to a maximum amount of additional interest for all Registration Defaults of 0.50% per annum on the principal amount of the New Notes that are subject to transfer restrictions.

A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement is filed hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information regarding the New Notes set forth in Item 1.01 above is incorporated herein by reference.

The New Notes were issued as additional notes pursuant to an indenture, dated as of February 27, 2012, among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Indenture"). At any time and from time to time, prior to March 15, 2015, the Company may redeem up to a maximum of 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes with the proceeds of one or more equity offerings, at a redemption price equal to 109.25% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to, but not including, the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date); provided that: (i) at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes remains outstanding; and (ii) the redemption occurs within 75 days of the completion of such equity offering upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 prior days notice. Prior to March 15, 2016, the Company may redeem some or all of the Notes by paying a "make-whole" premium based on U.S. Treasury rates. On or after March 15 of the relevant year listed below, the Company may redeem some or all of the Notes at the prices listed below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date): 2016 at a redemption price of 104.625%; 2017 at a redemption price of 102.313%; and 2018 and thereafter at a redemption price of 100.000%. In addition, if prior to February 27, 2013, the first anniversary of the date of issuance of the Original Notes, either (i) a change of control (as defined in the Indenture) occurs, or (ii) the Company enters into a binding agreement with respect to a transaction that would constitute a change of control and such change of control is consummated within 180 days after the first anniversary of the date of issuance of the Original Notes, the Company may, at its option, redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 110.0% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

Each of the following constitutes an event of default under the Indenture: (i) failure to make the payment of any interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable, and such failure continues for a period of 30 days; (ii) failure to make the payment of any principal of, or premium, if any, on, the Notes when the same becomes due and payable at its stated maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, optional redemption, required repurchase or otherwise; (iii) failure to comply with the covenant described

under Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Property in the Indenture; (iv) failure to comply with any other covenant or agreement in the Notes or in the Indenture (other than a failure that is the subject of the foregoing clause (i), (ii) or (iii)) and such failure continues for 30 days after written notice is given to the Company; (v) a default under any debt of the Company or any restricted subsidiary that results in acceleration of the final maturity of such debt, or failure to pay any such debt at final maturity (giving effect to applicable grace periods), in an aggregate amount greater than (a) \$75.0 million (or its foreign currency equivalent at the time) or (b) such lesser amount as may be applicable to the corresponding event of default in other debt of the Company incurred pursuant to certain provisions of the Limitation on Debt covenant in the Indenture outstanding at the time of such event; (vi) any judgment or judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of (a) \$75.0 million (or its foreign currency equivalent at the time) or (b) such lesser amount as may be applicable to the corresponding event of default in other debt of the Company incurred pursuant to certain provisions of the Limitation on Debt covenant in the Indenture outstanding at the time of such event, in each case that shall be rendered against the Company or any restricted subsidiary and that shall not be waived, satisfied, bonded, insured or discharged for any period of 30 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement shall not be in effect; (vii) certain events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company or any significant subsidiary; and (viii) any subsidiary guarantee of a significant subsidiary ceases to be in full force and effect (subject to certain exceptions) and such default continues for 20 days after notice to the Company, or any Subsidiary Guarantor that is a significant subsidiary denies or disaffirms its obligations under the Notes. A default under clauses (iv) or (viii) is not an event of default until the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding notify the Company of the default and the Company does not cure such default within the time specified after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a Notice of Default.

Upon a change of control, as defined in the Indenture, the Company is required to offer to purchase all of the Notes then outstanding at a purchase price equal to 101.0% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the purchase date (subject to the rights of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

The Company is not required to make mandatory sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

The covenants in the Indenture limit the ability of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to, among other things: (i) incur additional debt; (ii) pay dividends or make other restricted payments; (iii) purchase, redeem or retire capital stock or subordinated debt; (iv) make asset sales; (v) enter into transactions with affiliates; (vi) incur liens; (vii) enter into sale leaseback transactions; (viii) provide subsidiary guarantees; (ix) make investments; and (x) merge or consolidate with any other person.

The Indenture is Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 15, 2012, the Company also announced that it had received the requisite consents in the Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation to enter into a fourth supplemental indenture, dated as of May 15, 2012 (the Fourth Supplemental Indenture), among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to the indenture governing the Old Notes. As of midnight, Eastern Time, on May 14, 2012 (the Consent Payment Deadline), approximately \$296.3 million aggregate principal amount of the Old Notes were tendered (representing approximately 73.2% of the

outstanding Old Notes). The Company exercised its option to accept for payment and settle the Tender Offer with respect to Old Notes that were validly tendered at or prior to the Consent Payment Deadline (the Early Settlement). Such Early Settlement occurred on the Closing Date, concurrently with the closing of the Offering and the Fourth Supplemental Indenture became effective at that time. The Tender Offer will expire at midnight, Eastern Time, on May 31, 2012 unless the Tender Offer is extended or earlier terminated.

The Fourth Supplemental Indenture eliminates or modifies certain covenants and events of default and other provisions contained in the indenture governing the Old Notes. A copy of the Fourth Supplemental Indenture is filed hereto as Exhibit 4.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On May 15, 2012, the Company also delivered notice that it had called for redemption all of the Old Notes that remain outstanding following consummation of the Tender Offer at a price equal to 102.344% of their face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption. Redemption of the remaining Old Notes is expected to occur on June 15, 2012.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Filed herewith as Exhibit 10.2 is an updated Form of Award Agreement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

4.1 Indenture, dated as of February 27, 2012, among Rite Aid Corporation, as issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 27, 2012).

4.2 Form of 9.25% senior notes due 2020 (included in Exhibit 4.1).

4.3 Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 15, 2012, among Rite Aid Corporation, as issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, to the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated as of June 4, 2007, as amended and supplemented, among Rite Aid Corporation, as issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

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10.1 Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement relating to the 9.25% senior notes due 2020, dated May 15, 2012, among Rite Aid Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC as the Initial Purchasers of the New Notes.

10.2 Form of Award Agreement

99.1 Press Release announcing the closing of the Offering and early settlement of the Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation, dated May 15, 2012.

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 hereto duly authorized.

Date: May 15, 2012

By: /s/ Marc A. Strassler
Name:
Title:

Marc A. Strassler
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

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