

GREIF INC
Form 8-K
December 14, 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): December 14, 2009 (December 9, 2009)**

GREIF, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-00566

31-4388903

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio

43015

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(740) 549-6000**

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))
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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 9, 2009, Greif, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release (the Earnings Release) announcing the financial results for its fiscal year and fourth quarter ended October 31, 2009. The full text of the Earnings Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Earnings Release included the following non-GAAP financial measures (the non-GAAP Measures): (i) income before restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges, debt extinguishment charges and timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis; (ii) diluted earnings per Class A share and per Class B share before restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges, debt extinguishment charges and timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis; (iii) operating profit before restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges and timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis; (iv) operating profit before restructuring charges with respect to the Company s Paper Packaging segment; (v) operating profit before restructuring charges and restructuring-related inventory charges with respect to the Company s Industrial Packaging segment and (vi) operating profit before restructuring charges and timberland disposals, net with respect to the Company s Land Management (formerly Timber) segment. Net income before restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges, debt extinguishment charges and timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis is equal to GAAP net income plus restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges and debt extinguishment charges less timberland disposals, net, each item net of tax, on a consolidated basis. Diluted earnings per Class A share and per Class B share before restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges, debt extinguishment charges and timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis is equal to GAAP diluted earnings per Class A share and per Class B share plus restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges and debt extinguishment charges less timberland disposals, net, each item net of tax, on a consolidated basis. Operating profit before restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges and timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis is equal to GAAP operating profit plus restructuring charges and restructuring-related inventory charges less timberland disposals, net on a consolidated basis. Operating profit before restructuring charges with respect to the Company s Paper Packaging segment is equal to that segment s GAAP operating profit plus that segment s restructuring charges. Operating profit before restructuring charges and restructuring-related inventory charges with respect to the Company s Industrial Packaging segment is equal to that segment s GAAP operating profit plus that segment s restructuring charges and restructuring-related inventory charges. Operating profit before restructuring charges and timberland disposals, net with respect to the Company s Land Management segment is equal to that segment s GAAP operating profit plus that segment s restructuring charges less timberland disposals, net.

The Company discloses the non-GAAP Measures described in Items (i) through (vi), above, because management believes that these non-GAAP Measures are a better indication of the Company s operational performance than GAAP net income, diluted earnings per Class A share and per Class B share and operating profit since they exclude restructuring charges, restructuring-related inventory charges and debt extinguishment charges, which are not representative of ongoing operations, and timberland disposals, net, which are volatile from period to period. These non-GAAP Measures provide a more stable platform on which to compare the historical performance of the Company.

The full text of the Earnings Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 10, 2009, management of the Company conducted a conference call with interested investors and financial analysts to review the Company s financial results for its fiscal year and fourth quarter ended October 31, 2009. The file transcript is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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99.2	File transcript of conference call by Greif, Inc. on December 10, 2009.

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.

GREIF, INC.

Date: December 14, 2009

By: /s/ Donald S. Huml
Donald S. Huml,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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