GENERAL MILLS INC Form 8-K February 10, 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 17, 2008 GENERAL MILLS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 001-01185 41-0274440

(State of Incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer

File Number) Identification No.)

Number One General Mills Boulevard Minneapolis, Minnesota (Mail: P.O. Box 1113)

55426 (Mail: 55440)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (763) 764-7600

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

Attached as Exhibit 100 to this report are the following financial statements from General Mills, Inc. s (the Company ) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 23, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 17, 2008, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the quarters and six-month periods ended November 23, 2008 and November 25, 2007; (ii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of November 23, 2008 and May 25, 2008; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the six-month period ended November 23, 2008 and the fiscal year ended May 25, 2008; and (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six-month periods ended November 23, 2008 and November 25, 2007. Users of this data are advised pursuant to Rule 401 of Regulation S-T that the financial and other information contained in the XBRL documents is unaudited and that these are not the official publicly filed financial statements of the Company. The purpose of submitting these XBRL formatted documents is to test the related format and technology and, as a result, investors should continue to rely on the official filed version of the furnished documents and not rely on the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 100, in making investment decisions.

In accordance with Rule 402 of Regulation S-T, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 100, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
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## **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.

Date: February 10, 2009

# GENERAL MILLS, INC.

By: /s/ Donal L. Mulligan Name: Donal L. Mulligan

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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