

ALBERTO CULVER CO  
Form 8-K  
September 03, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 31, 2004**

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**ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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**1-5050**  
(Commission File Number)

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**36-2257936**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2525 Armitage Avenue**

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**Melrose Park, Illinois 60160**

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (708) 450-3000**

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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 2.03. CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT

On August 31, 2004, Alberto-Culver Company (the Company) entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Amended Credit Agreement) between the Company and Bank of America, N.A., Citibank, NA, Bank One, NA, LaSalle Bank National Association, William Street Commitment Corporation and Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) (collectively, the Lenders) which amended and restated the Company's existing credit agreement dated September 10, 2002.

Pursuant to the Amended Credit Agreement, which has a five-year term expiring on August 31, 2009, the Company may borrow up to \$300 million from the Lenders in either U.S. dollars or certain foreign currencies at an interest rate based on a fixed spread over LIBOR. No borrowings are currently outstanding under the facility.

The Amended Credit Agreement imposes restrictions on such items as total debt, liens, interest expense and rent expense. The Amended Credit Agreement is attached hereto in its entirety as Exhibit 4.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are included herein:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 4             | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 31, 2004 among Alberto-Culver Company, Bank of America N.A. as administrative agent and the other financial institutions being parties thereto. |

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

By: /s/ William J. Cernugel

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William J. Cernugel  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

September 3, 2004