

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC
Form 8-K
September 11, 2008

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): September 5, 2008

Williams-Sonoma, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-14077
(Commission File
Number)

94-2203880
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3250 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94109
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (415) 421-7900

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 5, 2008, Williams-Sonoma, Inc. (the Company), amended its Reimbursement Agreements, dated as of July 1, 2005, as amended from time to time, with each of Bank of America, N.A., The Bank of New York Mellon and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and its Reimbursement Agreements, dated as of September 8, 2006, as amended from time to time, with each of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association (collectively with Bank of America, N.A., The Bank of New York Mellon and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the Banks), to, among other things, extend the maturity dates of the agreements and decrease the aggregate availability under the agreements by \$10,000,000. These Reimbursement Agreements allow the Company to request the Banks to issue letters of credit on the Company's behalf in an aggregate amount of up to \$165,000,000. The Company can request the Banks to issue letters of credit up until the maturity of the agreements on September 4, 2009. The latest expiration possible for any future letters of credit issued under the agreements is February 1, 2010. The Company also has an unsecured revolving credit line with Bank of America, N.A., The Bank of New York Mellon, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association, among others.

The letter of credit facilities contain certain restrictive loan covenants, including, among others, financial covenants requiring a maximum leverage ratio (funded debt adjusted for lease and rent expense to EBITDAR) and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, and covenants limiting the Company's ability to dispose of assets, make acquisitions, be acquired, incur indebtedness, grant liens, make investments and repurchase stock. The Company's obligations under the letter of credit facilities are guaranteed by certain of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries.

The letter of credit facilities contain events of default that include, among others, non-payment of reimbursement obligations, inaccuracy of representations and warranties, violation of covenants, bankruptcy and insolvency events, material judgments, cross defaults to certain other indebtedness and events constituting a change of control. The occurrence of an event of default could result in the acceleration of the Company's obligations under the letter of credit facilities, an obligation of the Company to deposit with the Banks as collateral an amount equal to all outstanding letters of credit, an increase to the applicable interest rate, and an obligation of any or all of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries to pay the full amount of the Company's obligations under the letter of credit facilities.

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

The disclosure set forth under Item 1.01 of this Current Report is incorporated by reference herein.

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.

WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.

Date: September 11, 2008

By: /s/ Sharon L. McCollam
Sharon L. McCollam

Executive Vice President,

Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officer