

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC
Form 8-K
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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): September 2, 2011

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

Delaware
(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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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 2, 2011, Williams-Sonoma, Inc. (the Company) renewed its unsecured commercial letter of credit reimbursement facilities with each of Bank of America, N.A., Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association (collectively, the Banks). These letter of credit facilities allow the Company to request the Banks to issue letters of credit on the Company's behalf or on behalf of any of its subsidiaries up until the maturity of the agreements on August 31, 2012. The latest expiration possible for any future letters of credit issued under the facilities is now January 28, 2013. The aggregate credit available under the facilities remains \$90,000,000. The Company also has a \$300,000,000 unsecured revolving line of credit with Bank of America, N.A., Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association, among others.

The letter of credit facilities contain certain restrictive loan covenants that are consistent with the Company's unsecured revolving line of credit, including, among others, a financial covenant requiring a maximum leverage ratio (funded debt adjusted for lease and rent expense to earnings before interest, income tax, depreciation, amortization and rent expense EBITDAR) of 3.5 to 1.0, and covenants limiting the Company's ability to dispose of assets, make acquisitions, be acquired (if a default would result from the acquisition), incur indebtedness, grant liens and make investments. 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 also contain events of default that include, among others, non-payment of drawings under letters of credit or fees, violation of covenants, inaccuracy of representations and warranties, bankruptcy and insolvency events, material judgments, cross defaults to material indebtedness and events constituting a change of control. The occurrence of an event of default will result in the imposition of interest on unreimbursed amounts at the lender's prime rate (or if greater, the average rate on overnight federal funds plus one-half of one percent) plus 2.0%, and 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, and an obligation of any or all of the Company's subsidiaries that have guaranteed the letter of credit facilities 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 8, 2011

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

Executive Vice President,

Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officer