GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC Form 8-K August 13, 2010

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): August 13, 2010

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 1-4141 13-1890974

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

Two Paragon Drive

Montvale, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (201) 573-9700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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:

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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

On August 13, 2010, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. (A&P, NYSE Symbol: GAP) announced it will close 25 stores in five states as the Company begins the implementation and execution phase of its comprehensive turnaround. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

Item 9.01. Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated August 13, 2010

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 13, 2010

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA

COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher W. McGarry

Name: Christopher W. McGarry

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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