

HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP INC
Form 8-K
January 11, 2007

**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): January 11, 2007

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-22818 (Commission File Number) | 22-3240619 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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58 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 2.01 Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On January 11, 2007, The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“*Hain*”), acquired the stock of Avalon Holding Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“*Avalon*”), through a merger (the “*Merger*”) of a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary of Hain with and into Avalon, under the terms of the previously-announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated December 17, 2006, between Hain, Avalon and the other parties thereto.

Consideration paid by Hain was approximately \$120 million in cash. Hain funded the Merger consideration through borrowings under its existing credit facility and cash on hand.

Hain’s press release regarding consummation of the Merger is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

(99.1) Press release of Hain dated January 11, 2007.

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.

Date: January 11, 2007

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ira J. Lamel

Name: Ira J. Lamel

Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer