

J M SMUCKER Co  
Form 8-K  
July 15, 2015

**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): July 9, 2015**

**The J. M. Smucker Company**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Ohio**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-05111**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**34-0538550**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**One Strawberry Lane, Orrville, Ohio**

**44667-0280**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (330) 682-3000

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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On July 9, 2015, The J. M. Smucker Company (the Company ) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement ), dated as of July 9, 2015, with Blue Holdings I, L.P. (the Selling Shareholder ) and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (the Underwriter ) with respect to a registered underwritten public offering of 4,921,934 shares of the Company s common shares, no par value per share (the Common Shares ), to be sold by the Selling Shareholder. The Common Shares sold by the Selling Shareholder represent 100% of the ownership interests attributable to affiliates of Centerview Capital Management LLC ( Centerview ) and AlpInvest Partners US Holdings, LLC ( AlpInvest ). The secondary offering was completed on July 15, 2015.

The sale of the Common Shares by the Selling Shareholder was made pursuant to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-197428) (the Registration Statement ), including a free-writing prospectus dated July 9, 2015 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on July 9, 2015 and a prospectus supplement dated July 9, 2015 (the Prospectus Supplement ) to the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement dated July 15, 2014 (the Base Prospectus ), filed by the Company with the Commission on July 13, 2015 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(7) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants and includes the terms and conditions for the sale of the Common Shares, indemnification and contribution obligations and other terms and conditions customary in agreements of this type.

The Underwriter and its affiliates perform and have performed commercial and investment banking and advisory services for the Company from time to time for which they receive and have received customary fees and expenses. The Underwriter may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for the Company in the ordinary course of its business for which it will receive fees and expenses.

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the offering by the Selling Shareholder of the Common Shares, the following exhibits are filed herewith in order to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus and/or the Prospectus Supplement: (i) the Underwriting Agreement (Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K) and (ii) the opinion of counsel with respect to the validity of the Common Shares sold in the offering (Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K).

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

As previously disclosed, pursuant to the Shareholders Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2015, by and among the Company, the Selling Shareholder, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co, L.P. ( KKR ), Vestar Capital Partners ( Vestar ), Centerview, AlpInvest and certain of their

affiliated investment funds, each of KKR, Vestar, and Centerview is entitled to designate a board observer to the Company's Board of Directors, which rights terminate if the applicable investor beneficially owns less than 50% of the shares of the Company initially owned by it upon completion of the Company's acquisition of Big Heart Pet Brands on March 23, 2015. Upon completion of the offering, Centerview ceased to be the beneficial owner of any of the Common Shares and lost its right to designate a board observer. Each of the other investors that is currently entitled to designate a board observer maintained its right to a board observer following the completion of the offering.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits.* The following exhibits are provided as part of this Form 8-K:

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 1.1                | Underwriting Agreement, dated as of July 9, 2015, among the Company, the Selling Shareholder and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC |
| 5.1                | Opinion of Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP  |
| 23.1               | Consent of Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)  |

**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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

Date: July 15, 2015

By: /s/ Jeannette L. Knudsen

Name: Jeannette L. Knudsen

Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate

Title: Secretary

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