

GREIF INC
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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): March 2, 2012 (February 27, 2012)

GREIF, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-00566
(Commission
File Number)

31-4388903
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 549-6000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 29, 2012, Greif, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release (the Earnings Release) announcing the financial results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2012. The full text of the Earnings Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Earnings Release included the following non-GAAP financial measures (the non-GAAP Measures):

- (i) net income attributable to the Company before special items on a consolidated basis, which is equal to net income attributable to the Company plus restructuring charges and acquisition-related costs, each item net of tax, on a consolidated basis;
- (ii) diluted earnings per Class A share and per Class B share before special items on a consolidated basis, which is equal to diluted earnings per Class A share and per Class B share, respectively, plus restructuring charges and acquisition-related costs, each item net of tax, on a consolidated basis;
- (iii) operating profit before special items on a consolidated basis, which is equal to operating profit plus restructuring charges and acquisition-related costs on a consolidated basis;
- (iv) EBITDA of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to net income plus interest expense, net plus income tax expense less equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax plus depreciation, depletion and amortization on a consolidated basis;
- (v) EBITDA for each of the Company's business segments, which is equal to a business segment's operating profit less that segment's other expense (income), net plus that segment's depreciation, depletion and amortization expense, as applicable to that segment;
- (vi) EBITDA of the Company before special items on a consolidated basis, which is equal to EBITDA plus restructuring charges and acquisition-related costs on a consolidated basis;
- (vii) net working capital of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to current assets less current liabilities less cash and cash equivalents on a consolidated basis; and
- (viii) net debt of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to long-term debt plus current portion of long-term debt plus short-term borrowings less cash and cash equivalents on a consolidated basis.

Management of the Company uses the non-GAAP Measures to evaluate ongoing operations and believes that these non-GAAP Measures are useful to enable investors to perform meaningful comparisons of current and historical performance of the Company. Management of the Company also believes that the non-GAAP Measures provide a more stable platform on which to compare the historical performance of the Company than the most nearly equivalent GAAP data.

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of the Company was held on February 27, 2012. At the Annual Meeting, the holders of the Company's Class B Common Stock (the Class B Stockholders) voted on the following two proposals and cast their votes as described below.

Proposal 1

At the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, each of the following nominees was elected to the Company's Board of Directors for a one-year term. The inspectors of election certified the following vote tabulation as to the shares of the Class B Stockholders.

	September 30, For	September 30, Withheld
Vicki L. Avril	18,963,498	133,313
Bruce A. Edwards	19,087,563	9,248
Mark A. Emkes	19,087,563	9,248
John F. Finn	19,087,363	9,448
David B. Fischer	19,088,063	8,748
Michael J. Gasser	18,965,008	131,803
Daniel J. Gunsett	18,903,042	193,769
Judith D. Hook	19,080,555	16,256
John W. McNamara	19,085,453	11,358
Patrick J. Norton	19,085,763	11,048

Proposal 2

Proposal 2 was a management proposal to modify a material term of the Performance-Based Incentive Compensation Plan and reaffirmation of the material terms of such plan, as described in the proxy materials. This proposal was approved. The inspectors of election certified the following vote tabulation as to the shares of the Class B Stockholders.

	September 30, Against	September 30, Abstain	September 30, Broker Non-Vote
For 16,043,738	64,547	2,988,526	0

Section 7 Regulation FD**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 1, 2012, management of the Company held a conference call with interested investors and financial analysts to discuss the Company's financial results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2012. The file transcript is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 8 Other Events**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

Exhibit 99.3 to this Form 8-K includes certain quarterly statistical information for Greif, Inc. and its subsidiaries for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010 and October 31, 2011 and the quarter ended January 31, 2012. This information is being disclosed under both Items 7.01 and 8.01 of this Form 8-K and shall be considered furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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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.

GREIF, INC.

Date: March 2, 2012

By /s/ Robert M. McNutt
Robert M. McNutt,
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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