

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 05, 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): **March 3, 2010**

**RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-49916**  
(Commission file number)

**84-1573084**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**6312 S. Fiddler s Green Circle, Suite 200N**  
**Greenwood Village, Colorado**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**80111**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: **(303) 846-6000**

**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))
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**ITEM 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 4, 2010, Red Robin Gourmet Burger, Inc. (the Company) entered into a letter agreement (the Agreement) with Clinton Group, Inc. and Spotlight Advisors, LLC on behalf of themselves and their respective affiliated funds, persons and entities (collectively, the Investor Group). One or more persons or entities included as part of the Investor Group are stockholders of the Company. On March 4, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had entered into the Agreement.

The Agreement provides that, among other things, the Company's Board of Directors will appoint Robert Aiken, Lloyd Hill and Stuart Oran to the Board of Directors, identify and appoint one additional candidate to serve as an independent director on the Board of Directors, approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation adopting a majority voting standard for the election of directors that will be submitted to the Company's stockholders for consideration at the 2010 annual stockholders meeting, amend its Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan (the Plan Amendment) to specifically prohibit certain actions that may be construed as option repricing, including cash tender offers for underwater options, and that the members of the Investor Group will abide by certain confidentiality, standstill, and together with the Company, nondisparagement obligations, through December 31, 2010, or under certain circumstances, such earlier date as defined under the Agreement.

On March 3, 2010, the Board also adopted the Plan Amendment which prohibits certain actions that may be construed as option repricing, including cash tender offers for underwater options.

The descriptions of the Agreement and the Plan Amendment in this report do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Agreement and the Plan Amendment, copies of which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, to this report and are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the press release issued on March 4, 2010 is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 3, 2010, the Company appointed Robert Aiken, Lloyd Hill and Stuart Oran to its Board of Directors, increasing the size of the Board from eight to eleven members. Mr. Aiken will serve as a Class I director until the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, and Messrs. Hill and Lloyd will serve as Class II directors until the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders. The Board expects to appoint each new director to serve on the Nominating and Governance Committee and/or the Compensation Committee, and each new director will be considered for the Audit Committee based on suitable experience. None of Messrs. Aiken, Hill or Oran nor any related person of each of them has a direct or indirect material interest in any existing or currently proposed transaction to which the Company is or may become a party. Each new director will be compensated as a non-employee director in accordance with the Company's non-employee director compensation policies. The information set forth under Item 1.01 of this

Form 8-K, as well as the press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Letter Agreement among Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc., Spotlight Advisors, LLC and Clinton Group, Inc. dated as of March 4, 2010.
10.2	First Amendment to Amended and Restated 2007 Performance Incentive Plan.
99.1	Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. Press Release dated March 4, 2010.

**SIGNATURE**

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: March 5, 2010

**RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.**

By: */s/ Annita M. Menogan*  
Annita M. Menogan, Senior Vice President and Chief  
Legal Officer

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