

SEARS HOLDINGS CORP
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March 11, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 21) *

Sears Holdings Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

812350106

(CUSIP Number)

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 812350106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

ESL Partners, L.P.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 29,410,437

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 29,410,437

10. Shared Dispositive Power

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25,041,046

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

54,451,483

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

51.2% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

(1) Based upon 106,425,638 common shares outstanding as of November 9, 2012, as disclosed in Holdings Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 27, 2012 that was filed by Holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 16, 2012.

CUSIP No. 812350106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

SPE I Partners, LP

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 1,939,872

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 1,939,872

10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,939,872

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

1.8% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

SPE Master I, LP

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(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 2,494,783

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 2,494,783

10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,494,783

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

2.3% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

RBS Partners, L.P.

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(b)

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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 33,845,092

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 33,845,092

10. Shared Dispositive Power

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25,041,046

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

58,886,138

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

55.3% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

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(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 10,230

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting

0

9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With

10,230

10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

10,230

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0.0% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.

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(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 10,230

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 10,230

10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

10,230

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0.0% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

OO

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CUSIP No. 812350106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

CRK Partners, L.L.C.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 747

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0

9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 747

10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

747

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0.0% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

OO

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CUSIP No. 812350106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

ESL Investments, Inc.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 33,856,069

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 33,856,069

10. Shared Dispositive Power

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25,041,046

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

58,897,115

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

55.3% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

CO

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CUSIP No. 812350106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

Edward S. Lampert

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power

Shares

Beneficially 58,897,115

8. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting 0

9. Sole Dispositive Power

Person

With 33,856,069

10. Shared Dispositive Power

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25,041,046

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

58,897,115

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

..

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

55.3% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IN

(1) Based upon 106,425,638 common shares outstanding as of November 9, 2012, as disclosed in Holdings Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 27, 2012 that was filed by Holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 16, 2012.

This Amendment No. 21 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment) relates to common shares, par value \$0.01 per share (the Holdings Common Stock), of Sears Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Holdings). This Amendment amends the Schedule 13D, as previously amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, ESL Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, SPE I Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, SPE Master I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, CRK Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Edward S. Lampert, a United States citizen, by furnishing the information set forth below. Except as otherwise specified in this Amendment, all previous Items are unchanged. Capitalized terms used herein which are not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Schedule 13D, as previously amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Reporting Persons are filing this Amendment to (i) report a distribution of Holdings Common Stock by ESL Investors, L.L.C. to its sole investment member and (ii) remove ESL Investors, L.L.C. as a Reporting Person.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Partners), SPE I Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (SPE I), SPE Master I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (SPE Master I), RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (RBS), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Institutional), RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (RBSIM), CRK Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (CRK LLC), ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (ESL), and Edward S. Lampert, a United States citizen, by furnishing the information set forth below. Partners, SPE I, SPE Master I, RBS, Institutional, RBSIM, CRK LLC, ESL and Mr. Lampert are collectively defined as the Reporting Persons.

Attached as Annex A hereto and incorporated herein by reference is a list containing the (a) name, (b) citizenship, (c) present principal occupation or employment and (d) the name, principal business address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted, of each director and executive officer of ESL (the ESL Director and Officer). Other than the ESL Director and Officer, there are no persons or corporations controlling or ultimately in control of Investments.

(b) The principal place of business of each of the Reporting Persons is 1170 Kane Concourse, Suite 200, Bay Harbor, Florida 33154.

(c) The principal business of each of the Reporting Persons is purchasing, holding and selling securities for investment purposes. RBS is the general partner of Partners, SPE I and SPE Master I. RBSIM is the general partner of Institutional. ESL is the general partner of RBS, the general partner of CRK LLC and the manager of RBSIM. Mr. Lampert is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of ESL. Mr. Lampert is also Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Holdings. Each of the Reporting Persons may also serve as general partner or managing member of certain other entities engaged in the purchasing, holding and selling of securities for investment purposes.

(d)-(e) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons have been convicted in a criminal proceeding or been a party to a civil proceeding, in either case of the type specified in Items 2(d) or 2(e) of Schedule 13D.

(f) Partners, SPE I, SPE Master I, RBS, Institutional, RBSIM, CRK LLC and ESL are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Lampert is a United States citizen.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a)-(b) Each Reporting Person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement.

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Each Reporting Person may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to Holdings or securities of Holdings for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act. Each Reporting Person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, (i) acting (or has agreed or is agreeing to act) with any other person as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding, or disposing of securities of Holdings or otherwise with respect to Holdings or any securities of Holdings or (ii) a member of any syndicate or group with respect to Holdings or any securities of Holdings.

As of March 11, 2013, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Holdings Common Stock set forth in the table below.

REPORTING PERSON	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	SOLE VOTING POWER	SHARED VOTING POWER	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
ESL Partners, L.P.	54,451,483(1)	51.2%	29,410,437	0	29,410,437	25,041,046(1)
SPE I Partners, LP	1,939,872	1.8%	1,939,872	0	1,939,872	0
SPE Master I, LP	2,494,783	2.3%	2,494,783	0	2,494,783	0
RBS Partners, L.P.	58,886,138(1)(2)	55.3%	33,845,092(2)	0	33,845,092(2)	25,041,046(1)
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	10,230	0.0%	10,230	0	10,230	0
RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.	10,230(3)	0.0%	10,230(3)	0	10,230(3)	0
CRK Partners, L.L.C.	747	0.0%	747	0	747	0
ESL Investments, Inc.	58,897,115(1)(4)	55.3%	33,856,069(4)	0	33,856,069(4)	25,041,046(1)
Edward S. Lampert	58,897,115(1)(5)	55.3%	58,897,115(1)(5)	0	33,856,069(5)	25,041,046(1)

- (1) This number includes 25,041,046 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Mr. Lampert. Partners has entered into a Lock-Up Agreement with Mr. Lampert that restricts the purchase and sale of securities owned by Mr. Lampert. Pursuant to the Lock-Up Agreement, Partners may be deemed to have shared dispositive power over, and to indirectly beneficially own, securities owned by Mr. Lampert. RBS, ESL and Mr. Lampert may also be deemed to have shared dispositive power over, and to indirectly beneficially own, such securities.
- (2) This number includes 29,410,437 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Partners, 1,939,872 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by SPE I and 2,494,783 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by SPE Master I. RBS is the general partner of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, Partners, SPE I and SPE Master I.
- (3) This number includes 10,230 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Institutional. RBSIM is the general partner of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, Institutional.
- (4) This number includes 29,410,437 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Partners, 1,939,872 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by SPE I, 2,494,783 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by SPE Master I, 10,230 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Institutional and 747 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by CRK LLC. ESL is the general partner of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, RBS. ESL is the manager of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, RBSIM. ESL is the sole member of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, CRK LLC.
- (5) This number includes 29,410,437 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Partners, 1,939,872 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by SPE I, 2,494,783 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by SPE Master I, 10,230 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by Institutional, and 747 shares of Holdings Common Stock held by CRK LLC. Mr. Lampert is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, ESL.

(c) Other than as set forth on Annex B hereto, there have been no transactions in the class of securities reported on that were effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days or since the most recent filing of Schedule 13D, whichever is less.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The following exhibits are filed as exhibits hereto:

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Amendment, dated March 22, 2005, to the Agreement, dated January 31, 2005, among Kmart Holding Corporation, Sears Holdings Corporation, ESL Partners, L.P., ESL Investors, L.L.C., ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. and CRK Partners II, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit L to the Amendment to Schedule 13D filed on April 1, 2005).
99.2	Acknowledgement, dated as of March 24, 2005, by Sears Holdings Corporation (relating to the assumption of the Registration Rights Agreement) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit K to the Amendment to Schedule 13D filed on April 1, 2005).
99.3	Letter Agreement, dated June 2, 2010, by and between ESL Partners, L.P. and Edward S. Lampert (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 8 to the Amendment to Schedule 13D filed on June 2, 2010).
99.5	Joint Filing Agreement (filed herewith).

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 11, 2013

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Name: Edward S. Lampert

Title: Chief Executive Officer

SPE I PARTNERS, LP

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Name: Edward S. Lampert

Title: Chief Executive Officer

SPE MASTER I, LP

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Name: Edward S. Lampert

Title: Chief Executive Officer

RBS PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Name: Edward S. Lampert

Title: Chief Executive Officer

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., as its general partner

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its manager

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Name: Edward S. Lampert

Title: Chief Executive Officer

RBS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its manager

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert
Name: Edward S. Lampert
Title: Chief Executive Officer

CRK PARTNERS, L.L.C.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its sole member

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert
Name: Edward S. Lampert
Title: Chief Executive Officer

ESL INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert
Name: Edward S. Lampert
Title: Chief Executive Officer

EDWARD S. LAMPERT

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

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