

BARNES GROUP INC
Form 8-K
September 28, 2011

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): September 27, 2011

BARNES GROUP INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)
1-04801
(Commission File Number)

06-0247840
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

123 Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut
(Address of principal executive offices)

6010
(Zip Code)

(860) 583-7070
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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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Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Item 1.01

On September 27, 2011, Barnes Group Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a fifth amended and restated revolving credit agreement (the “Amended Credit Agreement”) with certain participating banks and financial institutions. Bank of America, N.A. continues to act as Administrative Agent for the lenders. The Amended Credit Agreement extends the maturity date to September 27, 2016 (with the option to extend such maturity date for an additional two years, subject to certain conditions); adds a new foreign subsidiary borrower, Barnes Group Luxembourg (No. 1) S.à r.l. (“Barnes Luxembourg”); increases the borrowing availability of the Company, Barnes Luxembourg, Barnes Group Switzerland GmbH (“Barnes Switzerland” and together with the Company and Barnes Luxembourg, the “Borrowers”) to \$500,000,000, with an accordion feature to increase such amount to \$750,000,000; adjusts the interest rate to LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 1.10% to 1.70%, depending on the Company’s leverage ratio at the time of the borrowing; and amends various financial and restrictive covenants, described in more detail below. Borrowings by Barnes Switzerland and Barnes Luxembourg will be guaranteed by the Company, and Barnes Switzerland and Barnes Luxembourg will each guarantee the borrowings of the other entity. Pursuant to the Amended Credit Agreement, the Company is to pay a facility fee, calculated on the full amount of the borrowing facility, at a rate ranging from 0.15% to 0.30%, depending on the Company’s leverage ratio at the end of each fiscal quarter.

As with the prior revolving credit agreement, the Borrowers’ borrowing capacity is limited by various debt covenants in the Amended Credit Agreement. The Amended Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain a ratio of Consolidated Senior Debt to EBITDA of not more than 3.25 times at the end of each fiscal quarter ending on or before September 30, 2013, after which the ratio will decrease to 3.00 times. In addition, the Amended Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain a ratio of Consolidated Total Debt to EBITDA of not more than 4.00 times for each fiscal quarter ending on or before September 30, 2013, and thereafter of not more than 3.75 times at the end of any fiscal quarter, and a ratio Consolidated EBITDA to Consolidated Cash Interest Expense of not less than 4.25 times for each fiscal quarter ending on or before September 30, 2013, and thereafter of not less than 4.50 times at the end of any fiscal quarter.

Item 2.03

Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information set forth in Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference into this item.

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.

Dated: September 28, 2011

BARNES GROUP INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Christopher J. Stephens, Jr.
Christopher J. Stephens, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief
Financial Officer