SEARS HOLDINGS CORP Form SC 13D/A March 04, 2013

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 20) *

Sears Holdings Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

812350106

(CUSIP Number)

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March 4, 2013

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

ESL Partners, L.P.

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares 29,410,437 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person

29,410,437

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

25,041,046

54,451,483

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

51.2% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

ESL Investors, L.L.C.

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares		1,239,056			
	8.	Shared Voting Power			
Beneficially		C C			

Owned by

Each **0** 9. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person

1,239,056

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

1,239,056

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

1.2% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

SPE I Partners, LP

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares **1,939,872** 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially

Owned by

Each **0** 9. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person

1,939,872

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

1,939,872

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

1.8% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

SPE Master I, LP

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) "
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares 2,494,783 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person

2,494,783

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

2,494,783

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

2.3% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

RBS Partners, L.P.

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares **35,084,148** 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially

Owned by

Each **0** 9. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person

35,084,148

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

25,041,046

60,125,194

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

56.5% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) x (b) "
- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares		10,230				
	8.	Shared Voting Power				
Beneficially		U U				

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person

10,230

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

10,230

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0.0% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.

- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) x (b) "
- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares		10,230				
	8.	Shared Voting Power				
Beneficially		U U				

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person

10,230

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

10,230

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

CRK Partners, L.L.C.

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares		747
	8.	Shared Voting Power
Beneficially		e

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person **747** With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

0

747

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

ESL Investments, Inc.

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) "
- 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares **35,095,125** 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person

35,095,125

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

25,041,046

60,136,171

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

56.5% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

Edward S. Lampert

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

(a) x (b) "

- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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- 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

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares 60,136,171 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially

Owned by

09. Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Each

Person

35,095,125

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power

25,041,046

60,136,171

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) "
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

56.5% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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This Amendment No. 20 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 (Partners), ESL Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (Investors), SPE I Partners, L.P., 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 (CRK LLC), ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (ESL), 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 report a recent private transaction of Holdings Common Stock between Investors and Mr. Lampert that has changed the amount of Holdings Common Stock that the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

In a private transaction on March 4, 2013, Mr. Lampert acquired an aggregate of 1,239,056 shares of Holdings Common Stock from Investors for aggregate consideration of approximately \$54,964,524.16 using personal funds.

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.

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.

As of March 4, 2013, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Holdings Common Stock set forth in the table below.

REPORTING	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING	SOLE VOTING	SHARED VOTING	SOLE DISPOSITIVE	SHARED DISPOSITIVE
PERSON	OWNED	SHARES	POWER	POWER	POWER	POWER
ESL Partners, L.P.	54,451,483(1)	51.2%	29,410,437	0	29,410,437	25,041,046(1)
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	1,239,056	1.2%	1,239,056	0	1,239,056	0
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.	60,125,194(1)(2)	56.5%	35,084,148(2)	0	35,084,148(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.	60,136,171(1)(4)	56.5%	35,095,125(4)	0	35,095,125(4)	25,041,046(1)
Edward S. Lampert	60,136,171(1)(5)	56.5%	60,136,171(1)(5)	0	35,095,125(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, 1,239,056 shares of Holdings Common Stock held in an account established by the sole investment member of Investors, 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. RBS is the manager of, and may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities owned by, Investors.
- (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, 1,239,056 shares of Holdings Common Stock held in an account established by the sole investment member of Investors, 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, 1,239,056 shares of Holdings Common Stock held in an account established by the sole investment member of Investors, 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).
- **99.4** Joint Filing Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to the Amendment to Schedule 13D filed on July 5, 2012).

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 4, 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

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its manager

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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ANNEX B

RECENT TRANSACTIONS BY THE REPORTING PERSONS IN THE SECURITIES OF

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION

			Number of		
	Date of		Shares of	Price per	
Entity	Transaction	Nature of Transaction	Common Stock	Share (\$)	
Edward S. Lampert	03/04/2013	Private Purchase	1,239,056	\$ 44.36	
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	03/04/2013	Private Sale	1,239,056	\$ 44.36	