Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. Form S-3/A April 02, 2012 As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2012

Registration No. 333-179496

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 2 to FORM S-3/A REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 HERITAGE -CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC. 26-0351454 (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Identification Number)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 2175 Point Boulevard, Suite 375 Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 836-5670

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Joseph Chalhoub President and Chief Executive Officer Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. 2175 Point Boulevard, Suite 375 Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 836-5670

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

Mark Harris Heidi Steele McDermott Will & Emery LLP 227 W. Monroe, Suite 4700

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Chicago, IL 60606

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time following the effectiveness of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. \acute{y}

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer " Accelerated filer ý Smaller reporting company "

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. is filing this Amendment No. 2 on Form S-3 to file an exhibit under Item 16 of Part II. This Amendment No. 3 does not change the previously filed financial statements or any of the other disclosures contained in the registration statement.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

Exhibits

1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement for Equity Securities
1.3*	Form of Underwriting Agreement for Depositary Shares, Stock Purchase
	Contracts, Stock Purchase Units, Rights and Units
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Heritage-Crystal
	Clean, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the
	Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended
	December 31, 2011)
3.2	Bylaws of Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference
	to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Amendment No. 6 to the Registrant's
	Registration Statement on Form S-1 (SEC No. 333-1438640) filed with
	the SEC on February 25, 2008)
4.1	Form of Specimen Common Stock Certificate of Heritage-Crystal Clean,
	Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Amendment No.
	7 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No.
	333-1438640) filed with the SEC on March 7, 2008)
4.2*	Form of Deposit Agreement
4.3*	Form of Depositary Receipt
4.4*	Form of Stock Warrant Agreement
4.5*	Form of Stock Purchase Contract
4.6*	Form of Stock Purchase Unit
4.7*	Form of Rights Agreement
5.1**	Opinion of McDermott Will & Emery LLP
12.1***	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
23.1***	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP with respect to the financial statements
	of the Registrant
23.2	Consent of McDermott Will & Emery LLP (included in the opinion filed
	as Exhibit 5.1)
24***	Powers of Attorney

^{*} To be subsequently filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K.

^{**} Filed herewith.

^{***}Previously filed.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this amendment to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois on April 2, 2012.

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.

By: /s/ Joseph Chalhoub Name: Joseph Chalhoub Title: Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on April 2, 2012.

Signature	Title
/s/ Joseph Chalhoub Joseph Chalhoub	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer of the Registrant)
/s/ Mark DeVita Mark DeVita	Chief Financial Officer, (Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant)
/s/ Gregory Ray Gregory Ray	Chief Operating Officer of the Registrant
/s/ Ellie Chaves Ellie Chaves	Chief Accounting Officer of the Registrant
* Fred Fehsenfeld, Jr.	Director
* Donald Brinckman	Director
* Bruce Bruckmann	Director
* Carmine Falcone	Director
* Charles E. Schalliol	Director
*	Director

Robert W. Willmschen, Jr.

* Pursuant to Power of Attorney

/s/ Gregory Ray Gregory Ray