

Platform Specialty Products Corp
Form 8-K
January 26, 2015

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): January 23, 2015

Platform Specialty Products Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-36272 (Commission File Number) | 37-1744899 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 5200 Blue Lagoon Drive Suite 855 Miami, FL (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 33126 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 575-5850

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 January 23, 2015, Platform Specialty Products Corporation (“Platform”), PSPC Escrow Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Platform (“Escrow Issuer”) and the guarantors named therein (the “Guarantors”), entered into a purchase agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”), pursuant to which Escrow Issuer agreed to sell \$1.00 billion aggregate principal amount of 6.500% senior notes due 2022 denominated in U.S. dollars at an issue price of \$1,000 per \$1,000 principal amount and €350 million aggregate principal amount of 6.000% senior notes due 2023 denominated in euros at an issue price of €1,000 per €1,000 principal amount (collectively, the “Notes”) to the initial purchasers listed in the Purchase Agreement (collectively, the “Initial Purchasers”).

The Notes offering is expected to close on February 2, 2015, subject to customary closing conditions. The Purchase Agreement provides that concurrently with such closing, the gross proceeds from the Notes offering (plus an additional amount from Platform necessary to provide for the special mandatory redemption price of the Notes) will be deposited into an escrow account until the date on which certain escrow conditions are satisfied, including the closing of Platform’s previously-announced proposed acquisition of Arysta LifeScience Limited (the “Arysta Acquisition”). The Arysta Acquisition is expected to be consummated during the first quarter of 2015.

The Purchase Agreement also contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of Platform and the Guarantors, and customary conditions to closing, obligations of the parties and termination provisions. Additionally, Platform has agreed to indemnify the Initial Purchasers against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”).

The foregoing summary of the Purchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement. A copy of the Purchase Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Certain of the Initial Purchasers and certain of their respective affiliates have, from time to time, provided, and may in the future provide, investment banking, commercial banking and financial advisory services to Platform and its affiliates, for which they have received customary compensation. Certain Initial Purchasers and/or their affiliates are arrangers, lenders and agents under Arysta LifeScience Limited’s existing first lien credit and guaranty agreement and second lien credit and guaranty agreement, and therefore may receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering. In addition, certain of the Initial Purchasers and their affiliates, including Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Barclays Bank PLC, UBS Securities LLC, Nomura International plc and Nomura Securities International, Inc., are acting as financial advisors to Platform in connection with the Arysta Acquisition and certain Initial Purchasers and their affiliates, including Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Barclays Bank PLC, UBS Securities LLC and Nomura Securities International, Inc. are lenders and/or agents under Platform’s senior secured credit facility and are expected to act as arrangers and lenders for certain senior unsecured bridge loans for the purposes of financing the Arysta Acquisition and the fees and expenses in connection therewith, the commitment for which will be reduced by the amount of the offering of the Notes. Such Initial Purchasers and their affiliates have received customary compensation and reimbursement for these commercial banking, investment banking or financial advisory transactions.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 23, 2015, Platform issued a press release announcing that it had priced the Notes in a private offering by Escrow Issuer to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, and to non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the Arysta Acquisition, Platform will assume the obligations of Escrow Issuer under the Notes and the related indenture governing the Notes and certain of Platform’s existing domestic subsidiaries will guarantee the Notes. A copy of this press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The above does not constitute an

offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to purchase, the Notes and related guarantees in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation would be unlawful.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01, is furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Title |
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| 10.1 | Purchase Agreement, dated January 23, 2015, by and among PSPC Escrow Corp., Platform, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers. |
| 99.1 | Press release issued on January 23, 2015, announcing the pricing of Platform’s private offering of senior notes (furnished only). |

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.

PLATFORM SPECIALTY PRODUCTS CORPORATION

January 26, 2015

By: /s/ Frank J. Monteiro
Name: Frank J. Monteiro
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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