

PHOENIX FOOTWEAR GROUP INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 29, 2009

PHOENIX FOOTWEAR GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-31309
(Commission File Number)

15-0327010
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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5840 El Camino Real, Suite 106, Carlsbad, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92008
(Zip Code)

(760) 602-9688

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Section 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Effective September 29, 2009, Phoenix Footwear Group, Inc. (Phoenix Footwear or the Company) and its subsidiaries together with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (Wells Fargo), entered into a Second Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Third Amendment to Credit and Security Agreement (the Amendment). The Amendment amends and modifies certain terms of the Credit and Security Agreement dated June 10, 2008 (the Credit Agreement), as amended by the Forbearance Agreement and First Amendment to Credit and Security Agreement dated July 7, 2009 (the First Amendment) and the First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Second Amendment to Credit and Security Agreement dated July 24, 2009 (the Second Amendment), among Phoenix Footwear and its subsidiaries and Wells Fargo.

Under the terms of the Amendment, the following changes were made to the Credit Agreement and Forbearance Agreement:

The maximum availability under the line of credit has been changed to \$5.5 million (subject to a borrowing base limit);

The borrowing base has been changed by decreasing the inventory sublimit to \$2.5 million; and

The maturity date for the revolving line of credit and the expiration of the forbearance period has been extended to October 16, 2009.

Under the Amendment, Wells Fargo agreed, during a forbearance period, to refrain from exercising any rights and remedies which it is or may become entitled to as a result of the existing past financial covenant defaults (the Specified Events of Default). Also, the Amendment provides for Wells Fargo to continue making advances under the line of credit, subject to the conditions of the Credit Agreement, excluding, however, the Specified Events of Default (which includes the defaults that have been disclosed to Wells Fargo to date). The forbearance period began on July 9, 2009 and ends on October 16, 2009, subject to earlier termination at the election of Wells Fargo in the event of an occurrence of any event of default under the Credit Agreement other than the Specified Events of Default, and subject to automatic termination in the event of the occurrence of certain insolvency proceedings involving Phoenix Footwear or its subsidiaries.

The Amendment provides that the continuing forbearance by Wells Fargo is conditioned upon Phoenix Footwear's continuing engagement of a financial turnaround consulting firm (which has occurred) to provide specified financial consulting services and the repayment in full of all indebtedness owed to Wells Fargo on or before October 16, 2009. The Amendment requires Phoenix Footwear to pay a \$5,000 accommodation fee on October 17, 2009 unless Phoenix Footwear repays the indebtedness in full on or before October 16, 2009.

As of September 29, 2009, the Company had \$2.5 million outstanding under the Credit Agreement with remaining availability of \$600,000. The Company is engaged in discussions with several different financing sources to provide the Company with proceeds to repay in full its revolving line of credit debt on or before October 16, 2009. There is no assurance, however, that the Company will be able to obtain such a facility on acceptable terms and covenants or when and if the Company will be able to repay its current facility in full. If the Company is unable to complete a financing transaction prior to October 16, 2009, the Company plans to seek a third extension of the forbearance period so that it may complete such a transaction. There is no assurance that it will be granted or the terms and conditions thereof. If such a request is not granted, Wells Fargo may accelerate the Company's indebtedness and/or foreclose on its assets.

The description of the agreements above is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the applicable agreements, copies of which will be attached as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended October 3, 2009.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding extension of the Wells Fargo forbearance period, the refinancing of Phoenix Footwear's indebtedness with Wells Fargo and/or statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words believes, could, expects, anticipates, estimates, intends, plans, projects, seeks, exploring, or similar expressions. No assurance is given that the future results or events covered by such forward-looking statements will be achieved or that the transactions described herein will be consummated. Further, investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. More information about potential factors that could affect these forward-looking statements are included in the documents that the Phoenix Footwear files with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, including under the heading Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Information contained in the Phoenix Footwear's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 3, 2009 filed with the SEC, all of which are available at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) and Phoenix Footwear's press releases, including the press release filed as an exhibit to this report. All forward-looking statements included in this filing are based on information available at the time of this filing, and the Phoenix Footwear assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this report.

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.

PHOENIX FOOTWEAR GROUP, INC.

Dated, October 1, 2009

Name:
Title:

/s/ DENNIS T. NELSON
Dennis T. Nelson
Chief Financial Officer