

LIFETIME BRANDS, INC  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2009  
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): **February 12, 2009**

## Lifetime Brands, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-19254**  
(Commission File Number)

**11-2682486**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1000 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York, 11530**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**516-683-6000**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) N/A

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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 February 12, 2009, Lifetime Brands, Inc. entered into an amendment and forbearance agreement to its credit agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company is working with its lenders to further amend the credit agreement.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The disclosure contained in “Item 1.01. — Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement” of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Forbearance Agreement and Amendment No. 4, dated as of February 12, 2009, by and among Lifetime Brands, Inc., the several financial institutions party hereto and HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Administrative Agent for the Lenders.

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Signature

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Lifetime Brands, Inc.

By: /s/ Laurence Winoker  
Laurence Winoker  
Senior Vice President – Finance, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 19, 2009