

Rock-Tenn CO
Form 8-K
January 24, 2011

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 24, 2011**

ROCK-TENN COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia
(State of Incorporation)

001-12613
(Commission File Number)

62-0342590
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

504 Thrasher Street, Norcross, Georgia 30071
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(770) 448-2193**

Not Applicable

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(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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 23, 2011, Rock-Tenn Company, a Georgia corporation (**RockTenn**), and Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, a Delaware corporation, (**Smurfit-Stone**), announced that they had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 23, 2011, by and among RockTenn, Smurfit-Stone and Sam Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of RockTenn (the **Merger**). RockTenn will be providing supplemental information regarding the Merger in connection with a presentation to investors (the **Investor Presentation**). The slides to be used in connection with this Investor Presentation are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information required by Item 1.01, including a copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, and a related press release announcing the Merger, will be filed in a separate Current Report on Form 8-K.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as may, will, anticipate, estimate, expect, project, intend, believe, target, forecast, and other words and terms of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, expectations, projections, goals, forecasts, assumptions, risks and uncertainties. RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone caution readers that any forward-looking statement is not a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statement. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the anticipated closing date of the transaction, the successful closing of the transaction and the integration of Smurfit-Stone as well as opportunities for operational improvement including but not limited to cost reduction and capital investment, the strategic opportunity and perceived value to RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone's shareholders of the transaction, the opportunity to recognize benefits from Smurfit-Stone's NOLs, the transaction's impact on, among other things, RockTenn's business mix, margins, transitional costs and integration to achieve the synergies and the timing of such costs and synergies and earnings. With respect to these statements, RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone have made assumptions regarding, among other things, whether and when the proposed transaction will be approved; whether and when the proposed transaction will close; the availability of financing on satisfactory terms; the amount of debt RockTenn will assume; the results and impacts of the acquisition; preliminary purchase price allocations which may include material adjustments to the preliminary fair values of the acquired assets and liabilities; economic, competitive and market conditions generally; volumes and price levels of purchases by customers; competitive conditions in RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone's businesses and possible adverse actions of our respective customers, competitors and suppliers. Further, RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone's businesses are subject to a number of general risks that would affect any such forward-looking statements including, among others, decreases in demand for their products; increases in energy, raw materials, shipping and capital equipment costs; reduced supply of raw materials; fluctuations in selling prices and volumes; intense competition; the potential loss of certain customers; and adverse changes in general market and industry conditions. Such risks and other factors that may impact management's assumptions are more particularly described in RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including under the caption Business Forward-Looking Information and Risk Factors in RockTenn's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year and Business Risk Factors and Forward-Looking Information in Smurfit-Stone's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year. The information contained herein speaks as of the date hereof and neither RockTenn nor Smurfit-Stone have or undertake any obligation to update or revise its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone will be filing documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**), including the filing by RockTenn of a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone that also constitutes a prospectus of RockTenn. **RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone stockholders are urged to read the registration statement on Form S-4 and the related joint proxy statement/prospectus when they become available, as well as other documents filed with the SEC, because they will contain important information.** The final joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of RockTenn and stockholders of Smurfit-Stone. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, or by contacting RockTenn Investor Relations at (678) 291-7900 or Smurfit-Stone Investor Relations at (314) 656-5553 or Smurfit-Stone Media Relations at (314) 656-5827.

Participants in the Merger Solicitation

RockTenn, Smurfit-Stone and their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the transaction. Information concerning RockTenn's executive officers and directors is set forth in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on December 17, 2010. Information concerning Smurfit-Stone's executive officers and directors is set forth in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on March 2, 2010, and in its current report on Form 8-K filed on July 7, 2010. Additional information regarding the interests of participants of RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the transaction will be included in the above-referenced registration statement on Form S-4 and joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available. You can obtain free copies of these documents from RockTenn and Smurfit-Stone using the contact information above.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Investor Presentation, dated January 24, 2011

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.

Date: January 24, 2011

ROCK-TENN COMPANY

By /s/ Steven C. Voorhees

Name: Steven C. Voorhees

Title: Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial
Officer and Chief Administrative Officer (Principal
Financial Officer)