

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
November 25, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
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: November 25, 2008  
(Date of earliest event reported)  
THE KROGER CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

An Ohio Corporation  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

No. 1-303  
(Commission File Number)

31-0345740  
(IRS Employer Number)

1014 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (513) 762-4000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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## **Section 8 Other Events**

### **Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 20, 2007, The Kroger Co., and its subsidiary guarantors, filed Registration Statement No. 333-148216 on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 415 registering an indeterminate amount of securities (the Registration Statement ). Pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement dated November 18, 2008, The Kroger Co. is issuing \$600,000,000 of debt securities denominated 7.50% Senior Notes due 2014 (the Notes ). The Notes are guaranteed by the subsidiary guarantors.

Filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement was a form of Underwriting Agreement for the issuance of debt securities. In connection with the issuance of the Notes, the Registrant has executed an Underwriting Agreement and a Pricing Agreement both dated as of November 18, 2008, among The Kroger Co., its subsidiary guarantors, Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc., BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Rabo Securities USA, Inc., U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and CastleOak Securities, L.P. The Underwriting Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and the Pricing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1.1.

The form of Indenture for the Notes was filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement. The Twenty- First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2008, among The Kroger Co., its subsidiary guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association (formerly known as Firststar Bank, National Association), as Trustee, supplements the Indenture dated as of June 25, 1999, among The Kroger Co., its subsidiary guarantors, and Firststar Bank, National Association, as Trustee. The Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.3.1.

The Registrant intends to use the proceeds of the issuance of the Notes to repay short-term borrowings and borrowings under its revolving credit facility and thereafter to use those borrowings to repurchase, repay or redeem its outstanding indebtedness. The Registrant also expects to use borrowing proceeds for other general corporate purposes.

## **Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

#### **(d) Exhibits.**

1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated as of November 18, 2008, among The Kroger Co., its subsidiary guarantors, Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc., BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Rabo Securities USA, Inc., U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and CastleOak Securities, L.P.

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4.3.1 Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2008, relating to the 7.50% Senior Notes due 2014, among The Kroger Co., its subsidiary guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association (formerly known as Firststar Bank, National Association), as Trustee

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

November 25, 2008

By: /s/ Paul Heldman  
Paul Heldman  
Executive Vice President,  
Secretary and General Counsel

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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