

HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP INC
Form 8-K
September 03, 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): September 3, 2009

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-22818
(Commission File Number)

58 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747

(Address of principal executive offices)

22-3240619
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200

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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 3, 2009, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) announced that it had filed a settled action (the Complaint) in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York against The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (the Company) with respect to the previously disclosed SEC investigation concerning the Company's historical stock option practices and related accounting. The Complaint, which is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases.shtml>, does not name any individuals as defendants. The Company has consented to the entry of a Final Judgment without admitting or denying any of the factual findings in the Complaint. The Final Judgment will not require the Company to pay any civil monetary penalty. There will be no further accounting charge associated with the entry of the Final Judgment. The Final Judgment will enjoin the Company from violating the anti-fraud provisions, reporting provisions and the books and records requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933. As previously disclosed, the Company implemented a number of remedial actions and cooperated with the SEC's investigation.

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: **September 3, 2009**

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ira J. Lamel
Name: Ira J. Lamel
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer