

GREIF INC  
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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): March 7, 2017 (March 1, 2017)

GREIF, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware                               001-00566   31-4388903  
(State or other jurisdiction   (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)               File Number) Identification No.)  
425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio   43015  
(Address of principal executive offices)   (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 549-6000  
Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 – Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 1, 2017, Greif, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release (the “Earnings Release”) announcing the financial results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2017. The full text of the Earnings Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Earnings Release included the following non-GAAP financial measures (the “non-GAAP Measures”):

- (i) the Company's consolidated operating profit, before special items, for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to the Company's consolidated operating profit for the applicable period plus restructuring charges, plus non-cash asset impairment charges, plus non-cash pension settlement charges, less gains on disposal of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net, each on a consolidated basis for the applicable period, along with the Company's consolidated operating profit margin before special items for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to the amounts of the non-GAAP Measure described above for the applicable period divided by the Company's consolidated net sales for the applicable period;
- (ii) the Company's net income, excluding the impact of special items, for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to the Company's consolidated net income for the applicable period plus restructuring charges, plus non-cash asset impairment charges, plus non-cash pension settlement charges, less gains on disposal of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net, each on a consolidated basis for the applicable period;
- (iii) earnings per diluted class A share of the Company, excluding the impact of special items, for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to earnings per diluted class A share of the Company for the applicable period plus restructuring charges, plus non-cash asset impairment charges, plus non-cash pension settlement charges, less gains on disposal of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net, each net of tax and noncontrolling interest and on a consolidated basis for the applicable period;
- (iv) the Company's consolidated free cash flow for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to the Company's consolidated net cash used by operating activities for the applicable period less cash paid for purchases of properties, plants and equipment for the applicable period;
- (v) operating profit before special items and excluding the impact of divestitures for the Company's Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services business segment for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to that business segment's operating profit plus restructuring charges, plus non-cash asset impairment charges, plus non-cash pension settlement charges, plus loss on disposal of properties, plants, equipment, and businesses, net, and further adjusted for divestitures occurring during the first quarter of 2016 as applicable to that business segment;
- (vi) operating profit before special items for the Company's Paper Packaging & Services business segment for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to that business segment's operating profit plus non-cash asset impairment charges, plus non-cash pension settlement charges, less gains on disposal of properties, plants, equipment, and businesses, net;
- (vii) net sales excluding the impact of divestitures for the Company's Flexible Products & Services business segment related to primary product volumes for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to that business segment's net sales for the applicable quarter as adjusted for a divestiture that occurred during the first quarter of 2016 related to primary products volumes applicable to that business segment; and
- (viii) operating profit before special items for the Company's Flexible Packaging & Services business segment for the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2016, which is equal to that business segment's operating profit or loss, as applicable, plus restructuring charges, plus non-cash asset impairment charges, plus non-cash pension settlement charges, less gains or plus losses, as applicable, on disposal of properties, plants, equipment, and businesses, net;

The Earnings Release also included a forward-looking non-GAAP financial measure, 2017 Class A earnings per share before special items which excludes gains and losses on the disposal of businesses, timberland or properties, plants

and equipment, net, non-cash asset impairment charges, non-cash pension settlement charges, restructuring-related activities or acquisition

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costs, and the income tax effects of these items and other income tax-related events. No reconciliation of this forward-looking non-GAAP financial measure was included in the Earnings Release because, due to the high variability and difficulty in making accurate forecasts and projections of some of the excluded information, together with some of the excluded information not being ascertainable or accessible, the Company is unable to quantify certain amounts that would be required to be included in the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure without unreasonable efforts.

Management of the Company uses the non-GAAP Measures to evaluate ongoing operations and believes that these non-GAAP Measures are useful to investors. The exclusion of the impact of the identified special items (restructuring charges, acquisition related costs, non-cash asset impairment charges, non-cash pension settlement charges, timberland gains and disposals of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net), divestitures and currency translation enable management and investors to perform meaningful comparisons of current and historical performance of the Company. Management of the Company also believes that the exclusion of the impact of the identified special items, divestitures and currency translation provide a stable platform on which to compare the historical performance of the Company and that investors desire this information. Management believes that the use of consolidated free cash flow, which excludes cash paid for capital expenditures from the Company's consolidated net cash provided by operating activities, provides additional information on which to evaluate the cash flow generated by the Company and believes that this is information that investors find valuable. The non-GAAP Measures are intended to supplement and should be read together with our financial results. The non-GAAP Measures should not be considered an alternative or substitute for, and should not be considered superior to, our reported financial results. Accordingly, users of this financial information should not place undue reliance on the non-GAAP Measures.

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Section 7 – Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 1, 2017, the Company released recorded remarks of management, made available on the Company's website at [www.greif.com/investors](http://www.greif.com/investors), regarding the Company's financial results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2017. The file transcript of management's recorded remarks is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On March 2, 2017, management of the Company held a conference call with interested investors and financial analysts (the "Conference Call") to discuss the Company's financial results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2017. The file transcript of the Conference Call is attached as Exhibit 99.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(d) Exhibits.

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| 99.3 | File transcript of conference call with interested investors and financial analysts held by management of Greif, Inc. on March 2, 2017.   |
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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.

GREIF, INC.

Date: March 7, 2017 By/s/ Lawrence A. Hilsheimer

Lawrence A. Hilsheimer,

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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