

WestRock Co
Form 8-K
September 17, 2018

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 17, 2018**

WestRock Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| Delaware | 001-37484 | 47-3335141 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

1000 Abernathy Road, Atlanta, GA 30328

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(770) 448-2193

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

As previously announced, WestRock Company (“WestRock”) and KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation (“KapStone”) entered into a timing agreement on August 6, 2018 (the “Timing Agreement”) with the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) under which WestRock and KapStone agreed not to consummate the pending acquisition of KapStone by WestRock, through Whiskey Holdco, Inc. (“Holdco”), earlier than 75 days after certification of substantial compliance with the requests for additional information and documentary materials from the DOJ (the “Second Request”) (which 75-day period could be tolled under certain circumstances). WestRock and KapStone certified substantial compliance with the Second Request on August 16, 2018. WestRock subsequently agreed to extend the date before which it will not consummate the pending acquisition from the date previously agreed to in the Timing Agreement to November 15, 2018, unless it has received notice from the DOJ prior to such date that the DOJ has closed its investigation of the pending acquisition. WestRock agreed to the extension in response to the DOJ’s request for additional time to review the documents provided to the DOJ by WestRock and KapStone in response to the Second Request.

WestRock expects to complete the pending acquisition by the end of the calendar year 2018. On September 6, 2018, KapStone stockholders approved a proposal to adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 28, 2018, as it may be amended from time to time, among WestRock, KapStone, Holdco, Whiskey Merger Sub, Inc. and Kola Merger Sub, Inc. Completion of the pending acquisition remains subject to customary closing conditions. WestRock and KapStone continue working closely and cooperatively with the DOJ as it conducts its review of the pending acquisition.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements in this communication about WestRock’s expectations, beliefs, plans or forecasts, including statements regarding the proposed transaction among WestRock, Holdco and KapStone and the expected timetable for completing the transaction, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. These statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as “may,” “will,” “could,” “should,” “would,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “plan,” “believe,” “target,” “prospects,” “potential” and “forecast,” and other words, terms and phrases of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, expectations, projections, goals, forecasts, assumptions, risks and uncertainties. WestRock cautions readers that a forward-looking statement is not a guarantee of future performance, and actual results could differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements. Among the key factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements, are the following: the parties’ ability to consummate the transaction; the conditions to the completion of the transaction; the regulatory approvals required for the transaction may not be obtained on the terms expected or on the anticipated schedule; and the parties’ ability to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the transaction. Additional information and other factors are contained in WestRock’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, WestRock’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended December 31, 2017, March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018, recent Current Reports on Form 8-K and recent Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Because the factors referred to above could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any

forward-looking statements made by WestRock, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this communication, and WestRock and KapStone undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after such date, except as required by applicable law.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed transaction among WestRock, Holdco and KapStone. In connection with the proposed transaction, Holdco has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a prospectus of Holdco and a proxy statement of KapStone (which registration statement was declared effective on August 1, 2018). The proxy statement was mailed to KapStone stockholders on or about August 2, 2018. Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus and any other relevant documents filed or to be filed with the SEC by WestRock, Holdco or KapStone, including the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, because they contain or will contain important information about the proposed transaction. The proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating to the proposed transaction can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication is neither an offer to sell, nor a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, nor the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction pursuant to or in connection with the proposed transaction or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

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.

WestRock Company

B/s/ Robert B. McIntosh

Name: Robert B. McIntosh

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: September 17, 2018