

AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP
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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): July 3, 2013

American Greetings Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-13859
(Commission

File Number)

34-0065325
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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One American Road

Cleveland, Ohio 44144

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 252-7300

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On July 3, 2013, American Greetings Corporation (the "Company") entered into Amendment No. 1 (the "Merger Agreement Amendment") to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated March 29, 2013, by and among the Company, Century Intermediate Holding Company, a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), and Century Merger Company, an Ohio corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"), to, among other things, increase the Merger Consideration, as defined in the Merger Agreement, from \$18.20 per share in cash, without interest, to \$19.00 per share in cash, without interest.

In connection with the Merger Agreement Amendment, on July 3, 2013, the Company also entered into Amendment No. 1 (the "Guaranty and Voting Agreement Amendment") to the Guaranty and Voting Agreement (the "Guaranty and Voting Agreement"), dated March 29, 2013, among the Company and the Family Shareholders (as defined in the Guaranty and Voting Agreement).

The foregoing descriptions of the Merger Agreement Amendment and the Guaranty and Voting Agreement Amendment are qualified in their entirety by the full text of such agreements, copies of which are filed as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On July 3, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the Merger Agreement Amendment. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d)

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated July 3, 2013, among Century Intermediate Holding Company, Century Merger Company, and American Greetings Corporation
10.1	Amendment No. 1 to Guaranty and Voting Agreement, dated July 3, 2013, among the Family Shareholders (as defined therein) and American Greetings Corporation
99.1	Press Release, dated July 3, 2013

Forward Looking Statement Disclosure

Statements about the expected timing, completion and effects of the proposed transaction and all other statements in this report, other than historical facts, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements and any such forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the following cautionary statements. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof and are based on current expectations and involve a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements. The Company may not be able to complete the proposed transaction on the terms described above or other acceptable terms or at all because of a number of factors, including the failure to obtain shareholder approval or the failure to satisfy other closing conditions. Factors that may affect the business or financial results of the Company are described in the risk factors included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company expressly disclaims a duty to provide updates to forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or other occurrences.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger transaction, the Company will file with the SEC and furnish to the Company's shareholders a definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents. This press release does not constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval. **SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MERGER OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER.**

Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, investors may obtain a free copy of the Company's filings with the SEC from the investors section of the Company's Web site at <http://investors.americangreetings.com> or by directing a request to the Company's Corporate Secretary at our World Headquarters address at One American Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44144-2398, or via email to investor.relations@amgreetings.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of the Company may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from stockholders of the Company in favor of the proposed merger. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the stockholders of the Company in connection with the proposed merger will be set forth in the proxy statement and the other relevant documents to be filed with the SEC. You can find information about certain of the Company's executive officers and its directors in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2013.

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.

Date: July 3, 2013

American Greetings Corporation

/s/ Christopher W. Haffke
Christopher W. Haffke
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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