

BIOMET 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): July 12, 2011

BIOMET, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-15601
(Commission

File Number)

35-1418342
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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56 East Bell Drive

Warsaw, Indiana 46582

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(574) 267-6639

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 12, 2011, the Company issued a press release with respect to preliminary financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter of fiscal 2011 and for fiscal year 2011. The press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference herein.

The earnings release attached as Exhibit 99.1 includes non-GAAP financial measures that differ from financial measures calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similar measures reported by other companies and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, other measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. Management exercises judgment in determining which types of charges or other items should be excluded from non-GAAP measures. Management uses this non-GAAP information internally to evaluate the performance of the core operations, establish operational goals and forecasts that are used in allocating resources and to evaluate the Company s performance period over period. Additionally, Biomet s management is evaluated on the basis of some of these non-GAAP financial measures when determining achievement of their incentive compensation performance targets. The Company believes that its disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides investors greater transparency to the information used by Biomet management for its financial and operational decision-making and enables investors to better understand the Company s period-to-period operating performance.

The non-GAAP financial measures included in the press release consist of net sales excluding the impact of foreign currency (constant currency), operating income as adjusted, Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA), EBITDA as adjusted (as defined by our credit agreement, the method to calculate this is likely to be different from methods used by other companies), net loss as adjusted, gross profit as adjusted, selling, general and administrative expense as adjusted, research and development expense as adjusted, net debt, cash and cash equivalents (as defined by our credit agreement), senior secured leverage ratio, total leverage ratio (net debt), free cash flow, and unlevered cash flow. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures are included elsewhere in the press release.

The term as adjusted, a non-GAAP financial measure, refers to financial performance measures that exclude certain income statement line items, such as interest, taxes, depreciation or amortization and/or exclude certain expenses as defined by our credit agreement, such as restructuring charges, non-cash impairment charges, integration and facilities opening costs or other business optimization expenses, new systems design and implementation costs, certain start-up costs and costs related to consolidation of facilities, certain non-cash charges, advisory fees paid to the private equity owners, certain severance charges, purchase accounting costs, stock-based compensation and payments, litigation costs, and other related charges.

The leverage ratios provide a measure of the Company s financial ability to meet its debt service obligations. The Company believes these ratios provide valuable insight to understanding how Biomet management manages its operations and financial position with respect to its debt obligations.

The following is an explanation of each of the items, as permitted by our credit agreement that management excluded from one or more of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this press release and the reasons for excluding each of these items:

Impact of Foreign Currency. The Company excludes the foreign currency impact on net sales information compared to prior year results primarily because it is not reflective of the ongoing operating results and is not used by management in evaluation of net sales performance. The Company further believes this information is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability. The impact of foreign currency exchange rates is calculated by translating actual current period net sales at the prior year exchange rate. These results are used to determine year-over-year percentage increase or decrease that excludes the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Purchase Accounting Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization related to the Merger are excluded in non-GAAP measures as they are not reflective of the Company s ongoing operational performance or liquidity. The Company further believes the exclusion of this information in the applicable non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense. Stock-based compensation expense is excluded from non-GAAP measures primarily because it is a non-cash expense. The Company further believes that excluding this item is useful to investors in that it facilitates comparisons to competitors operating results.

Litigation Settlements and Reserves and Other Legal Fees. The Company excludes litigation related expenses from non-GAAP measures that are not reflective of the Company s ongoing operational performance. The Company further believes this information is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability.

Operational Restructuring and Consulting Expenses Related to Operational Improvement Initiatives. Restructuring charges relate principally to employee severance and facility consolidation costs resulting from the closure of facilities and other workforce reductions attributable to our efforts to reduce costs. Operational restructuring charges also include abnormal manufacturing variances related to temporary redundant

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overhead costs within the Company's plant network as the Company continues to rationalize and move production to its larger operating locations in order to increase manufacturing efficiency. The Company excludes these costs from non-GAAP measures primarily because they are not reflective of the ongoing operating results and they are not used by management to assess ongoing operational performance. The Company further believes the exclusion of this information in the applicable non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability.

Sponsor Fee. Upon completion of the Merger, the Company entered into a management services agreement with certain affiliates of the Sponsors, pursuant to which such affiliates of the Sponsors or their successors assigns, affiliates, officers, employees, and/or representatives and third parties (collectively, the Managers) provide management, advisory, and consulting services to the Company. Pursuant to such agreement, the Managers received a transaction fee equal to 1% of total enterprise value of the Transactions for the services rendered by such entities related to the Transactions upon entering into the agreement, and the Sponsors receive an annual monitoring fee equal to 1% of the Company's annual Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in our credit agreement) as compensation for the services rendered and reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Managers in connection with the agreement and the Transactions. The Company excludes these costs from non-GAAP measures primarily because they are not reflective of the ongoing operating results and they are not used by management to assess ongoing operational performance. The Company further believes the exclusion of this information in the applicable non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability.

Greece Bad Debt Expense. This charge relates to the proposal the Greek government announced on June 15, 2010 to settle its outstanding debts from 2007 through 2009, primarily through the issuance of zero-coupon bonds. The Company excludes this charge from non-GAAP measures primarily because it is not reflective of the ongoing operating results and it is not used by management to assess ongoing operational performance. The Company further believes the exclusion of this information in the applicable non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability.

Goodwill and Intangible Asset Impairment Charge. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company recorded a \$941.4 million goodwill and definite and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment charge, which was primarily associated with the Europe business unit. The Company excludes this charge from non-GAAP measures because it is not reflective of the Company's ongoing operational performance or liquidity. The Company further believes the exclusion of this information in the applicable non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in that it provides period over period comparability.

The following is an explanation of each of the other items that management excluded from one or more of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this press release and the reasons for excluding each of these items:

Tax Effect on Special and Purchase Accounting Items. This amount is used to present the impact of the above non-GAAP adjustments on net income, as adjusted.

Net Debt. Net debt is the sum of the Company's total debt less cash and cash equivalents and time deposits with maturities of less than two years. Net Debt is a measure defined in the credit agreement that is used to calculate the total leverage ratio.

The Company is furnishing the information contained in this report, including the Exhibit, pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). This information shall not be deemed to be filed with the SEC or incorporated by reference into any other filing with the SEC.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Document |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release issued July 12, 2011. |

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: July 12, 2011

BIOMET, INC.

/s/ Bradley J. Tandy

By: Bradley J. Tandy

Its: Senior Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary