

COVANTA HOLDING CORP

Form 8-K

January 24, 2007

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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): January 23, 2007  
COVANTA HOLDING CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**

**1-6732**

**95-6021257**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)**

**(Commission  
File Number)**

**(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)**

**40 Lane Road  
Fairfield, New Jersey**

**07004**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(973) 882-9000**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number,  
Including Area Code)**

**(Former Name or Former  
Address, if Changed since Last  
Report)**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 23, 2007, Covanta Holding Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing the commencement of (a) its cash tender offers (the Tender Offers) for any and all of the following outstanding notes (collectively, the Notes) issued by indirect subsidiaries of the Company: (i) 8% Senior Secured Notes due 2010 issued by MSW Energy Holdings LLC and its wholly-owned subsidiary, MSW Energy Finance Co., Inc., (ii) 7 3/8% Senior Secured Notes due 2010 issued by MSW Energy Holdings II LLC and its wholly-owned subsidiary, MSW Energy Finance Co. II, Inc., and (iii) 6.26% Senior Notes due 2015 of Covanta ARC LLC; and (b) its solicitations (the Solicitations) related to the Tender Offers of the consents of the holders of each of the Notes to certain proposed amendments to the indentures governing such Notes. The Tender Offers and the Solicitations are being launched as part of the Company's recapitalization, as separately announced by the Company on Friday, January 19, 2007. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference to this Item 8.01.

On January 19, 2007, the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Prospectus Supplement (the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement) dated January 19, 2007 to the Prospectus dated January 19, 2007 on its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-140082) that described its offering of \$325,000,000 aggregate principal amount of senior convertible debentures due 2027 (the Debentures).

Subsequent to the filing of the Company's Preliminary Prospectus Supplement for its offering of the Debentures, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) announced on January 22, 2007 that it had (1) assigned the Debentures a B1 issue rating, (2) reassigned the Corporate Family Rating to the Company from Covanta Energy Corporation, the Company's subsidiary (Covanta Energy), while simultaneously raising this rating to Ba2, and (3) assigned a Ba2 rating to the proposed new senior secured first lien credit facilities (the New Credit Facilities) in the amount of \$1.3 billion for Covanta Energy that the Company expects to enter into after the closing of the Company's offerings. Moody's also reassigned to the Company from Covanta Energy and affirmed its SGL-1 speculative grade liquidity rating. In addition, the Company incorrectly reported in its Preliminary Prospectus Supplement that the Debentures had been rated BB- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S&P). On January 22, 2007, S&P announced that it had (1) assigned the Debentures a B rating, (2) raised Covanta Energy's current corporate credit rating to BB-, and (3) assigned a BB- rating to the proposed New Credit Facilities, with a 2 recovery rating. Both Moody's and S&P indicated their outlook for the Company remains stable. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organization. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

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**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired Not Applicable

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information Not Applicable

(c) Shell Company Transactions Not Applicable

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit No.    Exhibit**

99.1            Press Release, dated January 23, 2007

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 24, 2007

COVANTA HOLDING CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Timothy J. Simpson

Name: Timothy J. Simpson

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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