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Form 8-K

November 12, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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):  
November 11, 2004 (November 5, 2004)

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THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC  
TEA COMPANY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Maryland 1-4141 13-1890974  
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

Two Paragon Drive  
Montvale, New Jersey 07645  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(201) 573-9700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01.           Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 5, 2004, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Confidential Separation and Release Agreement (the "Agreement") with William P. Costantini, the Company's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary relative to Mr. Costantini's resignation, effective December 31, 2004, from his positions with the Company. In addition to agreeing to meet their respective obligations under the existing employment agreement, the parties agreed, among other things, that Mr. Costantini's earned options would vest on his resignation date and be exercisable for three years thereafter and that Mr. Costantini would release the Company from any possible claims in connection with his employment and resignation.

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.

Dated:   November 11, 2004

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.

By:       /s/ Mitchell P. Goldstein

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Name:     Mitchell P. Goldstein  
Title:    Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer