

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC

Form 8-K

November 21, 2008

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)

November 18, 2008

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-4858
(Commission
File Number)

13-1432060
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

521 West 57 th Street, New York, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10019
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(212) 765-5500

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

To the extent required by Item 1.01 of Form 8-K, the information contained in or incorporated by reference into Item 2.03 of this Current Report is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On November 18, 2008, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Credit Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) among the Company, International Flavors & Fragrances (Japan) Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“IFF Japan”), and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., under which IFF Japan borrowed on November 21, 2008 ¥13,332,000,000. The proceeds of this loan were used by IFF Japan to repay on November 21, 2008 its 2.400% Guaranteed Senior Notes, Series A (the “Notes”), which matured on such date. This loan is denominated in Yen and bears interest at a rate based on TIBOR plus an amount determined by reference to the ratings by S&P and Moody’s of the Company’s senior, unsecured long-term indebtedness for borrowed money. Under the Credit Agreement, IFF Japan may at any time, with notice, prepay all or a portion of this loan. The Company has guaranteed all the obligations of IFF Japan in respect of this loan.

The Credit Agreement contains certain affirmative and negative covenants applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries, including IFF Japan, including the covenant by the Company to maintain a consolidated net debt to consolidated EBITDA ratio of 3.25:1.00 (as calculated under the Credit Agreement).

The description set forth above is qualified in its entirety by the terms and conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement which is incorporated herein by reference and is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Document
No.

10.1 Credit Agreement dated as of November 18, 2008 among International Flavors & Fragrances (Japan) Ltd., as Borrower, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., as Guarantor, and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., as Lender

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.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC.

Dated: November 21, 2008

By:

/s/ Dennis M. Meany

Name: Dennis M. Meany

Title: Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

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