
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): September 1, 2005

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-22818 22-3240619
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

58 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Not Applicable \\ \hbox{(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)} \end{tabular}$

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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.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." This information shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, or incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On September 1, 2005, The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated September 1, 2005.

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: September 1, 2005

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Ira J. Lamel

Name: Ira J. Lamel

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP ANNOUNCES FISCAL YEAR AND FOURTH QUARTER 2005 RESULTS

Fiscal Year Sales Increased 14% to a Record \$620 Million Net Income Increased 23% Excluding Previously Announced Charges

Fourth Quarter Net Income at \$0.20 Per Share Increased 43% Excluding Previously Announced Charges

> Fiscal Year 2006 Guidance Issued Revenues \$650 Million to \$670 Million Earnings Per Share \$0.98 to \$1.05

Melville, NY, September 1, 2005--The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (NASDAQ HAIN), a leading natural and organic food and personal care products company, today reported results for the fiscal year and fourth quarter ended June 30, 2005. Net sales for fiscal year 2005 reached a record \$620.0 million, a 14% increase over prior year sales of \$544.1 million. GAAP net income for fiscal year 2005 was \$0.59 per share including previously announced charges of \$0.30 per share. Net income for the fiscal year excluding the stock keeping unit ("SKU") rationalization and stock compensation charges increased 23% to \$33.1 million, or \$0.89 per share, versus the prior year earnings of \$27 million, or \$0.74 per share. For the fourth quarter, the Company reported net sales of \$151.3 million, a 10.2% increase compared with \$137.4 million in the prior year period. Fourth quarter GAAP net income, including charges of \$0.27 per share, resulted in GAAP earnings of (\$0.07) per share, with net income excluding charges at \$0.20 per share compared to \$0.14 in the prior year period.

"In fiscal 2005 we were able to continue to grow our business by leveraging our strengths to meet growing consumer demand for natural and organic products. Strong execution of our business strategy and sales and marketing programs increased sales by 14% and increased our net income per share, excluding charges, by 20% for the year. We are particularly proud to have accomplished this in an operating environment of warehouse consolidations and inventory reductions by our primary distributors, coupled with rising input costs for the natural and organic ingredients used in our products and soaring fuel and

transportation costs," said Irwin D. Simon, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hain Celestial.

The Company's fourth quarter sales growth was achieved primarily through increased brand sales across all major sales channels from Terra Chips(R) (+25%); Garden of Eatin'(R) (+23%); Earth's Best(R) (+61%); Imagine(R) Soups (+13%); Arrowhead Mills(R) (+7.3%); DeBoles(R) (+16%) and JASON(R) (+9%). The Company's European sales increased 20%. Strong sales in these key brands were partially offset by the elimination of CarbFit(R), which experienced strong sales during the prior year before the decline in consumer demand for low carbohydrate products.

As previously announced, under the SKU rationalization program, the Company expects to eliminate over the next 12 to 18 months approximately 500 SKUs with estimated annual sales of \$15 million. It is anticipated that the elimination of these SKUs will realize future cost savings of approximately \$2 million annually, while providing an increase in gross margin by 0.50%. During the fourth quarter the Company recorded its previously announced \$11 million SKU rationalization charge effectively bringing the total charge for the entire fiscal year 2005 to \$12.2 million.

Also impacting the fourth quarter was the previously announced stock compensation charge of \$3.9 million resulting from the acceleration of the vesting of employee stock options. This action was taken by the Company's Board of Directors in order to provide an incentive to employees in view of the uncertainty of future equity-based compensation with the implementation of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payments." The \$3.9 million non-cash charge provided a disproportionately low tax benefit of only \$0.6 million and, therefore, had a significant impact on GAAP earnings and the Company's tax rate.

The Company reported that its gross margin on sales after adjusting for the SKU rationalization program was 27.2% for the fourth quarter compared to 27.3% in the prior year quarter. Mr. Simon commented, "There is room to improve our gross margin results in the future as we work on various cost-saving program initiatives to further this goal. We expect a 0.50% improvement from our SKU rationalization program, and we continue to press for production efficiencies at both our owned manufacturing facilities and at co-packer facilities. It is important to note that in light of increasing costs we have been successful in

Fiscal Year 2005 Highlights

The Company highlighted several of its accomplishments during fiscal year 2005:

- o Implemented price increases effective July 1, 2004 and June 1, 2005;
- o Introduced innovative new and improved products across multiple key categories in the natural foods sector;
- Launched brand extensions with Earth's Best Sesame Street Healthy Habits for Life products and Earth's Best Baby Body Care by JASON;
- o Integrated Fiscal Year 2004 acquisitions of Natumi(R), Ethnic Gourmet(R), Rosetto(R) and JASON, establishing platforms for growth in European non-dairy beverages and North American frozen foods and personal care categories;
- o Expanded premium skincare line through the acquisition of Zia(R) Natural Skincare;
- o Implemented SKU rationalization program to streamline the business and focus on key growth opportunities;
- o Established Free Operating Cash Flow Measurements, which resulted in a 17-day reduction to the Cash Conversion Cycle for the fourth quarter to 69 days from 86 days in the prior year period; and
- o Implemented Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 Compliance.

Fiscal Year 2006 Outlook

The Company announced its fiscal year 2006 guidance of \$650 million to \$670 million in sales and earnings of \$0.98 to \$1.05 per share.

"As we enter fiscal year 2006, in addition to the benefit of the recent acquisition of Zia Natural Skincare to our personal care products portfolio, we have already put in place several exciting initiatives, including a license agreement for our Rice Dream(R) and Soy Dream(R) refrigerated non-dairy beverages with Stremicks Heritage Foods to broaden and increase our distribution; a joint venture in the fast growing refrigerated poultry category with antibiotic- and hormone-free Raised Right(R) chicken; an alliance with Yeo Hiap Seng Limited to pursue joint interests in food marketing and product development; and the pending acquisition of Spectrum Organic Products, Inc., a leader in the fast growing healthy oils category." Mr. Simon concluded, "We have the right management team in place to position Hain Celestial to capitalize on growth opportunities through our superior brands, effective sales and marketing programs as well as the continued increasing demand for natural and organic products. We are all focused on executing our strategy to benefit shareholders, customers, consumers and employees."

Webcast

Hain Celestial will host a conference call and live webcast at 8:30 AM Eastern Time to review its fiscal year and fourth quarter 2005 results via the Hain Celestial corporate website, www.hain-celestial.com, under Investor Relations and thereafter through Audio Archives on the website.

The Hain Celestial Group

The Hain Celestial Group (NASDAQ: HAIN), headquartered in Melville, NY, is a leading natural and organic food and personal care products company in North America and Europe. Hain Celestial participates in almost all natural food categories with well-known brands that include Celestial Seasonings(R), Terra Chips(R), Garden of Eatin'(R), Health Valley(R), WestSoy(R), Earth's Best(R), Arrowhead Mills(R), Hain Pure Foods(R), Raised Right(R), Hollywood(R), Walnut Acres Organic(R), Imagine Foods(R), Rice Dream(R), Soy Dream(R), Rosetto(R), Ethnic Gourmet(R), Yves Veggie Cuisine(R), Lima(R), Biomarche(R), Grains Noirs(R), Natumi(R), JASON(R) and Zia(R) Natural Skincare. For more information, visit www.hain-celestial.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements within and constitutes a "Safe Harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements that involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These risks include but are not limited to general economic and business conditions; the ability to implement business and acquisition strategies, integrate acquisitions, and obtain financing for general corporate purposes; competition, retention of key personnel and compliance with government regulations and other risks detailed from time-to-time in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The forward-looking statements made in this press release are current as of the date of this press release, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands)

	June 30,			June 30,	
	2005		2	2004	
ASSETS Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	23,319		27,489	
Trade receivables, net Inventories		66,489		69,392	
Recoverable income taxes		76,497 2,460		86,873 -	
Deferred income taxes		5,786		3,111	
Other current assets		20,729		11,449	
Total current assets					
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Property, plant and equipment, net		88,204		87,002	
Goodwill, net		354,519		333,218	
Trademarks and other intangible assets, net		57,324		55,793	
Other assets		11,374		9,904	
Total assets	\$ ======	706,701		684,231 ========	
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	65,487		59,031	
Income taxes payable		1,139		2,489	
Current portion of long-term debt		3,257		6,845	
Total current liabilities					
		69,883		68,365	
Deferred income taxes		16,723		14,807	
Long-term debt, less current portion		91,805		104,294	
Total liabilities					
Total Habilities		178,411		187,466	
Stockholders' equity:					
Common stock		375		371	
Additional paid-in capital		404,517		394,740	
Deferred compensation		(1,872)		(2,809)	
Retained earnings Treasury stock		127,967 (12,745)		106,097 (9,285)	
Foreign currency translation adjustment		10,048		7,651	
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Total stockholders' equity		528,290		496,765	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	706,701	\$	684,231	
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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	 2005		2004		2005		2004	
	 		(Unaı	udited)				
les f Sales	\$ 151,349 118,066	\$	137,351 99,894	\$	619,967 449,010	\$	544,058 383,794	
it	 33, 283		37,457		170,957		160,264	

SG&A expenses Non-cash compensation		31,759 3,912		28,748 245		128,119 4,650		114,014 372
Operating income Interest expense and other expenses		(2,388) 1,287		8,464 417		38,188 3,677		45,878 2,490
Income before income taxes Income tax provision		(3,675) (987)		8,047 2,967		34,511 12,641		43,388 16,380
Net income	\$	(2,688)	\$ =====	5,080 ======	\$	21,870	\$	27,008 ======
Basic per share amounts	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.14		0.60	\$	0.77
Diluted per share amounts	\$ =====	(0.07)	\$ =====	0.14 =======	\$ =====	0.59	\$ ====	0.74 =======
Weighted average common shares outstanding:								
Basic		36,524		36,267		36,407		35,274
Diluted	=====	37,240 =======	=====	36,937 =======	=====	37,153 ======	====	36,308 ======

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. Consolidated Statements of Operations With Adjustments Reconciliation of GAAP Results to Non-GAAP Presentation (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,						
	2005 GAAP	Adjustments	2005 Adjusted	2004			
			audited)				
Net sales Cost of Sales	151,349 118,066	(7,826) (a)	151,349) 110,240	137,351 99,894			
Gross profit	33, 283	(7,826)	41,109	37,457			
SG&A expenses Non-cash compensation	31,759 3,912	(3,117) (b) (3,912)) 28,642 - -	28,748 245			
Operating income	(2,388)	(14,855)	12,467	8,464			
Interest expense and other expenses	1,287		1,287	417			
Income before income taxes Income tax provision	(3,675 (987		11,180) 3,813	8,047 2,967			
Net income	\$ (2,688		\$ 7,367 = =========	\$ 5,080 ======			
Basic per share amounts	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.28)	\$ 0.20 = ===================================	\$ 0.14			
Diluted per share amounts	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.27)	\$ 0.20 ===================================	\$ 0.14			
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic	36,524		36,524	36,267			
Diluted	37,240	- =====================================	37,240	36,937			
	2005	Fiscal Yean Adjustments	r Ended June 30, 2005 Adjusted	2004			
		(Una	audited)				
Net sales Cost of Sales	\$ 619,967 449,010		\$ 619,967) 439,984	\$ 544,058 383,794			
Gross profit	170,957	(9,026)	179,983	160,264			
SG&A expenses Non-cash compensation	128,119 4,650) 125,002 - -	114,014 372			
Operating income	38,188	(16,793)	54,981	45,878			
Interest expense and other expenses	3,677		3,677	2,490			
Income before income taxes Income tax provision	34,51: 12,64:		51,304) 18,188	43,388 16,380			
Net income	\$ 21,870	(11, 246)	33,116	27,008 =======			
Basic per share amounts		0 \$ (0.31) = ===================================	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.77			
Diluted per share amounts		9 \$ (0.30)	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.74			

Weighted average common shares outstanding:
Basic

Diluted

36,407	36,407	36,407	35,274
37,153	37,153	37,153	36,308

- (a) The adjustments of \$7,826 (fourth quarter) and \$9,026 (full year) represent SKU rationalization charges included in cost of sales.
- (b) The adjustments of \$3,117 (fourth quarter and full year) represent SKU rationalization charges included in SG&A expenses..
- (c) The adjustments to taxes consist of \$4,196 (fourth quarter) and \$4,656 (full year) related to the SKU rationalization charge; \$604 (fourth quarter) and \$891 (full year) related to non-cash compensation