# 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 27, 2012

# Wolverine World Wide, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-06024 (Commission File Number) 38-1185150 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9341 Courtland Drive Rockford, Michigan (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

49351 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (616) 866-5500

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:

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D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 27, 2012, Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the pricing of its offering of \$375 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "Notes"). The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to finance, in part, its previously announced acquisition of the Performance + Lifestyle Group (the "PLG Business") of Collective Brands, Inc. ("CBI"), repay any amounts outstanding under, and terminate, its existing revolving credit facility, repay certain of CBI's indebtedness, and pay related fees and expenses. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits:
  - 99.1 Press release, dated September 27, 2012, announcing pricing of the Notes.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report contains forward-looking statements. In addition, words such as "estimates," "anticipates," "believes," "forecasts," "plans," "predicts," "projects," "is likely," "expects," "intends," "should," "will," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions ("Risk Factors") that are difficult to predict with regard to timing, extent, likelihood and degree of occurrence. Therefore, actual results and outcomes may materially differ from what may be expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. Risk Factors include, among others: the possibility that the acquisition of the PLG Business does not close; the Company's ability to realize the benefits of the acquisition of the PLG Business on a timely basis or at all; the Company's ability to combine its businesses and the PLG Business successfully or in a timely and cost-efficient manner; failure to obtain any required financing on favorable terms; the degree of business disruption relating to the acquisition of the PLG Business; the Company's ability to successfully develop its brands and businesses; changes in interest rates, tax laws, duty structures, tariffs, quotas or applicable assessments in countries of import and export including antidumping measures and trade defense actions; changes in consumer preferences, spending patterns, buying patterns or price sensitivity; changes in future pension funding requirements and pension expenses; the ability to secure and protect owned intellectual property or use licensed intellectual property; cancellation of orders for future delivery, or the failure of the Department of Defense to exercise future purchase options, award new contracts or the cancellation of existing contracts by the Department of Defense or other military purchasers; changes in planned customer demand, re-orders or at-once orders; changes in relationships with, including the loss of, significant customers; the availability and pricing of footwear manufacturing capacity; reliance on foreign sourcing; failure of international licensees and distributors to meet sales goals or to make timely payments on amounts owed; disruption of technology systems; regulatory or other changes affecting the supply or price of materials used in manufacturing; the impact of regulatory or legal proceedings and legal

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compliance risks; the availability of power, labor and resources in key foreign sourcing countries, including China; the cost, availability and management of raw materials, inventories, services and labor for owned and contract manufacturers; the impact of competition and pricing; the impact of restrictions on, or changes in the value of, foreign currencies; the development of new initiatives; the risks of doing business in developing countries, and politically or economically volatile areas; retail buying patterns; consolidation in the retail sector; changes in economic and market conditions, including the financial and credit markets, on the Company, its suppliers and customers; acts and effects of war and terrorism; seasonality and weather; problems affecting the Company's distribution system, including service interruptions at shipping and receiving ports; the failure to maintain the security of personally identifiable and other information of customers, stockholders and employees; and additional factors discussed in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and exhibits thereto. Other Risk Factors exist, and new Risk Factors emerge from time to time that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Furthermore, the Company undertakes no obligation to update, amend or clarify forward-looking statements.

## 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: September 27, 2012

WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ R. Paul Guerre

R. Paul Guerre Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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#### WOLVERINE WORLDWIDE ANNOUNCES PRICING OF SENIOR NOTES

**Rockford, Mich.** — **Sept. 27, 2012** — Wolverine Worldwide (NYSE: WWW) today announced the pricing of its offering of \$375 million aggregate principal amount of 6.125% senior notes due 2020 (the "Notes"). The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to finance, in part, its acquisition of the Performance + Lifestyle Group business (the "PLG Business") of Collective Brands, Inc. ("CBI"), repay any amounts outstanding under, and terminate, its existing revolving credit facility, repay certain of CBI's indebtedness, and pay related fees and expenses. The Notes will be guaranteed by certain of the Company's domestic subsidiaries. Net proceeds from the sale of the Notes, after the initial purchasers' discounts and the Company's estimated expenses, are expected to be approximately \$367.0 million.

The Notes and related guarantees will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to non-U.S. persons in transactions outside the United States under Regulation S of the Securities Act. The Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and other applicable securities laws.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Notes, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

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