

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): October 3, 2003

Delta Apparel, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-15583

(Commission File Number)

58-2508794

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2750 Premiere Parkway, Suite 100, Duluth, Georgia

(Address of principal executive offices)

30097

(Zip Code)

(678) 775-6900

(Registrant's Telephone Number
Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On October 3, 2003, Delta Apparel, Inc. ("DLA") issued a press release announcing that it has completed the acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of M. J. Soffe Co. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit
Number

99.1 Press Release of Delta Apparel, Inc. issued October 3, 2003.

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.

DELTA APPAREL, INC.

Date: October 3, 2003

/s/ Herbert M. Mueller

Herbert M. Mueller
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release of Delta Apparel, Inc. issued October 3, 2003.

DELTA APPAREL, INC. COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF M.J. SOFFE CO.

DULUTH, Ga.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--October 3, 2003--Delta Apparel, Inc. (AMEX-DLA) reports today that it has completed the previously announced acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of M. J. Soffe Co.

Delta Apparel also announces today that it has entered into \$78.5 million aggregate revolving credit facilities with Congress Financial. After the purchase of M. J. Soffe, the Company will have an aggregate of approximately \$59.5 million outstanding under the revolving lines of credit with approximately \$19.0 million of aggregate credit availability.

M. J. Soffe was founded in 1946 and has a long history of profitability and growth in the branded activewear market. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2002 Soffe had sales of approximately \$100 million and served four distinct channels of distribution. The Soffe brand is well recognized at specialty sporting goods stores and department stores. In addition to these retail channels, Soffe also supplies college bookstores and has a long history of producing activewear products for the U.S. Military. M. J. Soffe Co. employs about 1,400 in the United States.

Delta Apparel, Inc. is a vertically integrated manufacturer and marketer of high quality knit apparel. Apart from the M. J. Soffe operations, the Company specializes in selling undecorated T-shirts, golf shirts and activewear tops to screen printers, private label accounts and distributors; has operations in six states, two company-operated sewing facilities in Honduras and one company-operated sewing facility in Mexico; and employs about 3,200 worldwide.

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