

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): January 14, 2019

DELTA APPAREL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-15583

(Commission File Number)

322 South Main Street,
Greenville, South Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

58-2508794

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

29601

(Zip Code)

(864) 232-5200

(Registrant's Telephone Number
Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

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)

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Emerging growth
company

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 14, 2019, Delta Apparel, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release containing a discussion of the Company's preliminary results of Operations for the quarter ended December 29, 2018.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and also made available through the Company's website at www.deltaapparelinc.com.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Robert W. Humphreys, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Deborah H. Merrill, Chief Financial Officer and President, Delta Group, will hold a conference call on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss financial results and provide a business update. The conference call will be broadcast through the Company's website at www.deltaapparelinc.com. Investors may listen to the call by selecting the webcast link on the homepage of the website. A replay of the webcast will be available within one hour of the call and accessible at the above website through March 4, 2019.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by Delta Apparel, Inc. on January 14, 2019. The information contained in the attached exhibit is unaudited and should be read in conjunction with Delta Apparel, Inc.'s annual and quarterly reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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: January 14, 2019

/s/ Deborah H. Merrill

Deborah H. Merrill
Chief Financial Officer & President, Delta Group



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Delta Apparel Announces Preliminary First Quarter Results Expects Double-Digit Revenue Growth

GREENVILLE, SC - January 14, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - Delta Apparel, Inc. (NYSE American: DLA), a leading provider of core activewear and lifestyle apparel, today announced preliminary results for its 2019 fiscal first quarter ended December 29, 2018.

The Company anticipates overall net sales for the first quarter of its 2019 fiscal year to come in ahead of expectations at approximately \$101 million, or about a 12% increase from prior year net sales of \$90.3 million. The growth was driven by solid double-digit gains in the Company's Salt Life business, as well as in its digital print business, which successfully completed its first holiday season with consolidated operations including the DTG2Go and SSI Digital Print businesses acquired in the last 10 months.

The Company expects earnings per share for the quarter to be above the prior year period's reported earnings per share. Results during the first quarter of fiscal year 2019 were impacted by a discrete expense of \$2.5 million associated with the resolution of litigation stemming from The Sports Authority's March 2016 bankruptcy. The Company anticipates adjusted earnings per share for the quarter to be approximately in line with prior year adjusted results of \$0.08 after excluding the financial impact of this expense and the impact of United States tax reform legislation.

Robert W. Humphreys, Delta Apparel, Inc.'s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased with our start to the new fiscal year and the broad-based momentum we are seeing across our business segments. We have delivered sequential growth in our Salt Life Group, and our Delta Group continues its strong expansion driven by our DTG2Go digital print business. We look forward to providing our full results for the first quarter during our upcoming earnings call."

ICR Conference

As previously announced, the Company is scheduled to present today at 8 a.m. Eastern Time at the ICR Conference being held at the JW Marriott Grand Lakes located in Orlando, Florida. A webcast of the conference presentation will be available on Delta Apparel's website at www.deltaapparelinc.com. Real Player or Windows Media Player is required to listen to the webcast.

First Quarter Fiscal 2019 Results on February 4, 2019

Final and complete financial results for the fiscal year 2019 first quarter ended December 29, 2018, will be released after the market close on February 4, 2019. At 4:30 p.m. ET on that day, the Company will also hold a conference call with senior management to discuss its financial results and business outlook. The Company invites you to join the call by dialing 866-575-6539. If calling from outside the United States, please dial 323-794-2423. A live webcast of the conference call will be available at www.deltaapparelinc.com. Please visit the website at least 15 minutes early to register for the teleconference webcast and download any necessary software. A replay of the call will be available through March 4, 2019. To access the telephone replay, participants should dial toll-free 844-512-2921. International callers can dial 412-317-6671. The access code for the replay is 7993355.

About Delta Apparel, Inc.

Delta Apparel, Inc., along with its operating subsidiaries, Salt Life, LLC, M. J. Soffe, LLC, and DTG2Go, LLC, is an international design, marketing, manufacturing, and sourcing company that features a diverse portfolio of core activewear and lifestyle apparel and related accessory products. The Company specializes in selling casual and athletic products through a variety of distribution channels and distribution tiers, including department stores, mid and mass channels, e-retailers, sporting goods and outdoor retailers, independent and specialty stores, and the U.S. military. The Company's products are also made available direct-to-consumer at its branded retail stores and on its websites at www.saltlife.com, www.coastapparel.com, www.soffe.com and www.deltaapparel.com. The Company's operations are located throughout the United States, Honduras, El Salvador, and Mexico, and it employs approximately 7,700 people worldwide. Additional information about the Company is available at www.deltaapparelinc.com.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain "forward-looking" statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Any number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated or forecasted results, including, but not limited to, the volatility and uncertainty of cotton and other raw material prices; the general U.S. and international economic conditions; competitive conditions in the apparel industry; restrictions on our ability to borrow capital or service our indebtedness; deterioration in the financial condition of our customers and suppliers and changes in the operations and strategies of our customers and suppliers; changing consumer preferences or trends; our ability to successfully open and operate new retail stores; changes in economic, political or social stability at our offshore locations; significant interruptions within our manufacturing or distribution facilities or other operations; our ability to attract and retain key management; significant changes in our effective tax rate; interest rate fluctuations increasing our obligations under our variable rate indebtedness; the ability to raise additional capital; the ability to grow, achieve synergies and realize the expected profitability of acquisitions; the volatility and uncertainty of energy, fuel and other costs; material disruptions in our information systems; compromises of our data security; significant litigation in either domestic or international jurisdictions; recalls, claims and negative publicity associated with product liability issues; the ability to protect our trademarks and other intellectual property; and the other factors set forth in the "Risk Factors" contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as may be required by law, Delta Apparel, Inc. expressly disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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