

GREIF INC
Form 8-K
January 16, 2015

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 16, 2015 (January 14, 2015)

GREIF, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction)

001-00566
(Commission)

31-4388903
(IRS Employer)

of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)		43015 (Zip Code)
	Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 549-6000	

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 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))

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 14, 2015, Greif, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release (the Earnings Release) announcing the financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended October 31, 2014. The full text of the Earnings Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Earnings Release included the following non-GAAP financial measures (the non-GAAP Measures):

- (i) operating profit of the Company on a consolidated basis before special items, which is equal to the operating profit of the Company plus restructuring charges plus acquisition-related costs plus non-cash asset impairment charges less timberland gains, each on a consolidated basis;
- (ii) operating profit before special items for each of the Company's business segments, which is equal to that business segment's operating profit plus that segment's restructuring charges plus that segment's acquisition-related costs plus that segment's non-cash asset impairment charges less timberland gain, as applicable to that segment;
- (iii) EBITDA of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to net income plus interest expense, net plus income tax expense, less equity earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net of tax plus depreciation, depletion and amortization, each on a consolidated basis;
- (iv) EBITDA for each of the Company's business segments, which is equal to that business segment's operating profit (loss) less that segment's other expense (income), net plus that segment's depreciation, depletion and amortization expense, as applicable to that segment;
- (v) EBITDA of the Company before special items on a consolidated basis, which is equal to EBITDA plus restructuring charges plus acquisition-related costs plus non-cash asset impairment charges less timberland gains, each on a consolidated basis;
- (vi) EBITDA before special items for each of the Company's business segments, which is equal to that business segment's EBITDA plus that segment's restructuring charges plus that segment's acquisition costs plus that segment's non-cash asset impairment charges less timberland gains, as applicable to that segment;
- (vii) net working capital of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to current assets less current liabilities less cash and cash equivalents, each on a consolidated basis;
- (viii) free cash flows of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities less capital expenditures, timberland purchases and acquisitions of companies, net of

cash acquired, plus proceeds from sales of properties, plants, equipment, businesses, timberland and other assets; and

(ix) net debt of the Company on a consolidated basis, which is equal to long-term debt plus the current portion of long-term debt plus short-term borrowings less cash and cash equivalents, each on a consolidated basis. Management of the Company uses the non-GAAP Measures to evaluate ongoing operations and believes that these non-GAAP Measures are useful to enable investors to perform meaningful comparisons of current and historical performance of the Company. Management of the Company also believes that the non-GAAP Measures provide a more stable platform on which to compare the historical performance of the Company than the most nearly equivalent GAAP data.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 15, 2015, management of the Company held a conference call with interested investors and financial analysts (the Conference Call) to discuss the Company s financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended October 31, 2014. The file transcript of the Conference Call is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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99.1	Press release issued by Greif, Inc. on January 14, 2015 announcing the financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended October 31, 2014.
99.2	File transcript of conference call held by management of Greif, Inc. on January 15, 2015.

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.

GREIF, INC.

Date: January 16, 2014

By /s/ Lawrence A. Hilsheimer
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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