

GREIF INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 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): December 15, 2015 (December 10, 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 December 10, 2015, Greif, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release (the Earnings Release) announcing the financial results for its fourth quarter ended October 31, 2015. 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) percentage decrease in the Company's consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, after adjusting for the impact of divestitures for both quarters and currency translation for the fourth quarter of 2015, which is equal to (a) the Company's consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 minus the Company's consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter of 2014, after adjusting each quarter for divestitures occurring during fiscal years 2015 and 2014 and after adjusting the fourth quarter of 2015 for currency translation applicable to such quarter, divided by (b) the Company's consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter of 2014 after adjusting such quarter for divestitures occurring during fiscal years 2015 and 2014;
- (ii) earnings per diluted class A share of the Company before special items for the fourth quarter of 2015 and the fourth quarter of 2014, which is equal to earnings per diluted class A share on the Company for the applicable quarter plus restructuring charges, plus acquisition-related costs plus non-cash asset impairment charges and less gains or plus losses, as applicable, on disposal of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net of tax, each on a consolidated basis for the applicable quarter;
- (iii) net sales excluding the impact of divestitures for each of the Company's business segments (other than the Land Management segment) for the fourth quarter of 2015 and the fourth quarter of 2014, which is equal to that business segment's net sales for the applicable quarter as adjusted for divestitures occurring during fiscal years 2015 and 2014 as applicable to that business segment; and
- (iv) operating profit before special items and excluding the impact of divestitures for the Company's Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services business segment for the fourth quarter of 2015 and the fourth quarter of 2014, which is equal to that business segment's operating profit plus that business segment's restructuring charges, plus the business segment's non-cash asset impairment charges, plus acquisition-related costs, plus losses on disposal of properties, plants, equipment, and businesses, net, and as further adjusted for divestitures occurring during fiscal years 2015 and 2014 as applicable to that business segment.
- (v) operating loss before special items for the Company's Flexible Products & Services business segment for the fourth quarter of 2015 and the fourth quarter of 2014, which is equal to that business segment's operating loss plus the business segment's restructuring charges, plus that business segment's non-cash asset impairment charges, plus losses on disposal of properties, plants, equipment, and businesses, net, occurring during fiscal years 2015 and 2014 as applicable to the business segment.

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 December 10, 2015, the Company released recorded remarks of management, made available on the Company's website at [www.greif.com/investors](http://www.greif.com/investors), regarding the Company's financial results for its fourth quarter ended October 31, 2015. The file transcript of management's recorded remarks is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On December 11, 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 ended October 31, 2015. The file transcript of the Conference Call is attached as Exhibit 99.3 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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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: December 15, 2015

By /s/ Lawrence A. Hilsheimer  
Lawrence A. Hilsheimer,

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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