
**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): February 15, 2019



THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-22818
(Commission
File Number)

22-3240619
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1111 Marcus Avenue, Lake Success, NY 11042
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (516) 587-5000
Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On February 15, 2019, Hain Pure Protein Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“HPPC”) and a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (the “Company”), together with certain of its subsidiaries, New Oxford Foods, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“NOF”), Plainville Farms, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Plainville”), and HPPC Transportation, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Transportation” and together with HPPC, NOF and Plainville, the “Sellers”), completed the previously announced sale of substantially all of the assets used primarily for the Plainville Farms business, which includes \$25 million in cash (the “Plainville Farms Business”), to Plainville Brands, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company backed by a group of private investors (the “Purchaser”), for a nominal purchase price. In addition, Purchaser assumed the current liabilities on the balance sheet of the Plainville Farms Business as of the closing date. As a condition to consummating the sale of the Plainville Farms Business, the Company entered into an agreement which provides for the issuance by the Company of an irrevocable stand-by letter of credit having a value of \$10 million (the “Letter of Credit”) which expires nineteen months after issuance. In addition, the Company is entitled to receive an earnout not to exceed, in the aggregate, 120% of the maximum amount that the Purchaser draws on the Letter of Credit at any point from the date of issuance through the expiration of the Letter of Credit. While the Company does not believe that the purchase agreement relating to the sale of the Plainville Farms Business represents a material contract, the divestiture of the Plainville Farms Business qualifies as a disposition of a significant amount of assets pursuant to SEC rules, thereby requiring disclosure under this item. Other than with respect to the sale of the Plainville Farms Business, no material relationship exists between the Purchaser and the Company (or any of their affiliates, directors or officers).

The Company has omitted the inclusion of any pro forma financial information herein with respect to the sale of the Plainville Farms Business as it has previously reported the results of the disposed business as discontinued operations for all historical periods beginning with its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018. A pro forma balance sheet is not provided due to the immateriality of proceeds received from the sale of the Plainville Farms Business. As a result of this transaction, the Company expects to record an additional impairment charge of approximately \$20 million reported as part of its net loss from discontinued operations, net of tax within its Consolidated Statements of Operations in the third quarter of fiscal year 2019.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Incorporated by reference is Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, a press release issued by the Company on February 22, 2019 announcing the completion of the sale of the Plainville Farms Business. This information is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section nor shall this information be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. dated February 22, 2019

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.

Date: February 22, 2019

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ James Langrock
Name: James Langrock
Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer



Hain Celestial Completes the Sale of Plainville Farms

Lake Success, NY, February 22, 2019 —The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: HAIN) (“Hain Celestial” or the “Company”), a leading organic and natural products company with operations in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East providing consumers with A Healthier Way of Life™, today announced that it has completed the first step in its divestiture of the Hain Pure Protein operating segment with the sale of the Plainville Farms business to Plainville Brands, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company backed by a group of private investors. Plainville Farms did not contribute to earnings or cash flow in fiscal year 2018. With respect to the divestiture of the remainder of its Hain Pure Protein operating segment, the process remains ongoing and the Company continues to anticipate closing in the coming months.

About The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.

The Hain Celestial Group (Nasdaq: HAIN), headquartered in Lake Success, NY, is a leading organic and natural products company with operations in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Hain Celestial participates in many natural categories with well-known brands that include Almond Dream®, Arrowhead Mills®, Bearitos®, Better Bean®, BluePrint®, Casbah®, Celestial Seasonings®, Clarks™, Coconut Dream®, Cully & Sully®, Danival®, DeBoles®, Earth’s Best®, Ella’s Kitchen®, Europe’s Best®, Farmhouse Fare™, Frank Cooper’s®, Gale’s®, Garden of Eatin’®, GG UniqueFiber™, Hain Pure Foods®, Hartley’s®, Health Valley®, Imagine™, Johnson’s Juice Co.™, Joya®, Lima®, Linda McCartney® (under license), MaraNatha®, Mary Berry (under license), Natumi®, New Covent Garden Soup Co.®, Orchard House®, Rice Dream®, Robertson’s®, Rudi’s Gluten-Free Bakery™, Rudi’s Organic Bakery®, Sensible Portions®, Spectrum® Organics, Soy Dream®, Sun-Pat®, Sunripe®, SunSpire®, Terra®, The Greek Gods®, Tilda®, Walnut Acres®, WestSoy®, Yorkshire Provender®, Yves Veggie Cuisine® and William’s™. The Company’s personal care products are marketed under the Alba Botanica®, Avalon Organics®, Earth’s Best®, JASON®, Live Clean® and Queen Helene® brands.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements contained in this press release constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of federal securities laws, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are predictions based on expectations and projections about future events and are not statements of historical fact. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “plan”, “continue”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “predict”, “project”, “estimate”, “likely”, “believe”, “might”, “seek”, “may”, “will”, “remain”, “potential”, “can”, “should”, “could”, “future” and similar expressions, or the negative of those expressions, or similar words or phrases that are predictions of or indicate future events or trends and that do not relate solely to historical matters. You can also identify forward-looking statements by discussions of the Company’s potential divestiture of its Hain Pure Protein business.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, and you should not rely on them as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements depend on assumptions, data or methods that may be incorrect or imprecise and may not be able to be realized. We do not guarantee that the transactions and events described will happen as described (or that they will happen at all). Such factors, include, among others, the Company’s beliefs or expectations relating to the impact of competitive products, changes to the competitive environment, changes to consumer preferences, our ability to manage our supply chain effectively, changes in raw materials, freight, commodity costs and fuel, consolidation of customers, reliance on independent distributors, general economic and financial market conditions, risks associated with our

international sales and operations, our ability to execute and realize cost savings initiatives, including, but not limited to, cost reduction initiatives under Project Terra and SKU rationalization plans, our ability to identify and complete acquisitions or divestitures and integrate acquisitions, the availability of organic and natural ingredients, the reputation of our brands and the other risks detailed from time-to-time in the Company's reports filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, and our quarterly reports. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Company cannot provide any assurance regarding future results, levels of activity and achievements of the Company, and neither the Company nor any person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of these statements. All forward-looking statements contained herein apply as of the date hereof or as of the date they were made and, except as required by applicable law, the Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors of new methods, future events or other changes.

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