

ARISTOTLE CORP
Form 8-K
September 01, 2004

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): August 30, 2004

THE ARISTOTLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

0-14669

06-116854

(State or other
jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, CT

06902

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 358-8000

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

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Item 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 30, 2004, The Aristotle Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of dividends on its Series I Preferred Stock and Series J Preferred Stock.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(a) Not applicable

a. Not applicable

b. Exhibits:

99.1 Press release issued August 30, 2004.

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.

THE ARISTOTLE CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ H. William Smith

Name: H. William Smith

Title: Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

Date: September 1, 2004

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued August 30, 2004.

For Immediate Release News Release

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The Aristotle Corporation Declares

Semi-Annual Preferred Dividends

Stamford, CT, August 30, 2004 - The Aristotle Corporation (NASDAQ: ARTL; ARTLP) announced today that it has declared semi-annual cash dividends of \$.33 and \$.36 per share, respectively, on its outstanding shares of Series I Preferred Stock and Series J Preferred Stock. The dividends are payable on September 30, 2004, to holders of record on September 15, 2004. Dividends are payable on Aristotle's Preferred Stock on March 31 and September 30, if and when declared by Aristotle's Board of Directors.

About Aristotle

The Aristotle Corporation, founded in 1986, and headquartered in Stamford, CT, is a leading manufacturer and global distributor of educational, health, medical technology and agricultural products. A selection of over 80,000 items is offered, primarily through catalogs carrying the brand of Nasco (founded in 1941), as well as those bearing the brands of Simulaids, Triarco, Summit Learning, Hubbard Scientific, Scott Resources, Spectrum Educational Supplies, Haan Crafts, To-Sew and CPR Prompt. Products include educational materials and supplies for substantially all K-12 curricula, molded plastics, biological materials, medical simulators and items for the agricultural, senior care and food industries. Aristotle has approximately 800 employees at its operations in Fort Atkinson, WI, Modesto, CA, Fort

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Collins, CO, Plymouth, MN, Woodstock, NY, Chippewa Falls, WI, Otterbein, IN and Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.

There are approximately 17.1 million shares outstanding of Aristotle common stock (NASDAQ: ARTL) and approximately 1.1 million shares outstanding of 11%, cumulative, convertible, voting, Series I Preferred Stock (NASDAQ: ARTLP); there are also approximately 11.0 million privately-held shares outstanding of 12%, cumulative, non-convertible, non-voting shares of Series J Preferred Stock. Aristotle has about 4,000 shareholders of record.

Further information about Aristotle can be obtained on its website, at www.aristotlecorp.net.

Safe Harbor under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

To the extent that any of the statements contained in this release are forward-looking, such statements are based on current expectations that involve a number of uncertainties and risks. Aristotle cautions investors that there can be no assurance that actual results or business conditions will not differ materially from those projected or suggested in such forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) the ability of Aristotle to obtain financing and additional capital to fund its business strategy on acceptable terms, if at all; (ii) the ability of Aristotle on a timely basis to find, prudently negotiate and consummate additional acquisitions; (iii) the ability of Aristotle to manage any to-be acquired businesses; (iv) the ability of Aristotle to retain and utilize its Federal net operating tax loss carryforward position; and (v) general economic conditions. As a result, Aristotle's future development efforts involve a high degree of risk. For further information, please see Aristotle's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K.