SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY Form 8-K December 24, 2008

# 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 22, 2008

# **SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Cayman Islands (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-31560 (Commission File Number) 98-0355609 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

**Identification Number)** 

P.O. Box 309, Ugland House,

Grand Cayman KY1-1104, Cayman Islands
(Address of Principal Executive Office)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (345) 949-8066

NA

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### Item 2.06. Material Impairments.

On December 22, 2008, Seagate Technology (the Company ) concluded that it will be required to record an impairment charge to reduce the carrying value of the Company s goodwill, largely as a result of the adverse impact of the current macroeconomic business environment on the Company s long-term financial outlook. In connection with the evaluation of goodwill, the Company is also evaluating its long-lived assets, principally, property, equipment and leasehold improvements and certain other intangible assets for impairment. The Company expects to record a material non-cash charge(s) in the current fiscal quarter ending January 2, 2009, for the impairment of goodwill, and potentially, of other long-lived assets. The impairment(s) will not result in any current or future cash expenditures.

The Company expects that the impairment charge(s) will be material, but at the time of this filing, it is unable in good faith to make a determination of an estimate of the amount or range of amounts of the impairment charge(s). The Company will file an amended report on Form 8-K/A under this Item 2.06 promptly and in any event within four business days after it makes a determination of such an estimate or range of estimates.

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements related to the Company's current expectations regarding its evaluation of goodwill and its long-lived assets and the impairment charges it expects to record. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to Seagate as of the date of this Current Report. Current expectations, forecasts and assumptions involve a number of risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties, and other factors may be beyond the Company's control. Such risks and uncertainties include the impact of the variable demand and the aggressive pricing environment for disk drives, particularly in view of current business and economic conditions; the impact of competitive product announcements and possible excess industry supply with respect to particular disk drive products; and the Company's ability to achieve projected cost savings in connection with its restructuring plans. Information concerning risk, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause events to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements is contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2008 and in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on October 30, 2008, which statements are incorporated into this Current Report by reference. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing the Company's views as of any subsequent date and Seagate undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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, thereto duly authorized.

#### SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY

By: /s/ PATRICK J. O MALLEY

Name: Patrick J. O Malley

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

Date: December 24, 2008