

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 8-K

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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 4, 2010

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-10991
(Commission

File Number)

38-2760940
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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19975 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(734) 591-3000

48152
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Items to be Included in this Report

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 30, 2010, Valassis Communications, Inc. (Valassis) announced that it had reached an agreement to settle its outstanding lawsuits against News America Incorporated (a/k/a News America Marketing Group), News America Marketing FSI, LLC (successor in interest to News America Marketing FSI, Inc.) and News America Marketing In-Store Services, LLC (successor in interest to News America Marketing In-Store Services, Inc.) (collectively, the Defendants).

On February 4, 2010, Valassis and the Defendants executed a settlement agreement and release (the Settlement Agreement), and pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Defendants paid Valassis \$500 million. The parties also agreed to dismiss all outstanding litigation between them and release all existing and potential claims against each other that were or could have been asserted in the litigation as of the date of the Settlement Agreement. The foregoing is a summary of the material terms of the Settlement Agreement. The full text of the Settlement Agreement is filed hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

On February 4, 2010, News America, Inc. entered into a 10-year shared mail distribution agreement with Valassis Direct Mail, Inc., a Valassis subsidiary (VDM), which provides for the sale by Valassis of shared mail services to the Defendants on specified terms.

In connection with the settlement, the parties have agreed to a process by which the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, and the Honorable Arthur J. Tarnow (the Court) may assess certain future business practices of the Defendants and Valassis relating to bundling and tying under the antitrust laws. The Court has not issued an injunction; however, the Court may issue an order with respect to the foregoing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit
No.**

Description

10.1	Settlement Agreement and Release, dated as of February 4, 2010, between Valassis Communications, Inc. and News America Incorporated (a/k/a News America Marketing Group), News America Marketing FSI, LLC (successor in interest to News America Marketing FSI, Inc.) and News America Marketing In-Store Services, LLC (successor in interest to News America Marketing In-Store Services, Inc.).
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Date: February 8, 2010

By: /s/ Todd Wiseley
Name: Todd Wiseley
Title: General Counsel, Senior Vice President,

Administration and Secretary

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