

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
Form 8-K
April 06, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): April 6, 2011

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-15321 (Commission File Number) | 52-0845861 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 200 Commerce Street Smithfield, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices) | | 23430 (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 6, 2011, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Company and Pedro Ballve, the current chairman of Campofrío Good Group, S.A. (“Campofrío”), are currently evaluating a joint de-listing takeover bid to acquire the remaining approximate 50 percent of Campofrío for €9.5 per share. The acquisition would give the Company 87.6 percent controlling interest in Campofrío. The Company currently owns 37 percent of Campofrío.

The foregoing is qualified by reference to the press release that is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) 99.1 Press release dated April 6, 2011.

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: April 6, 2011

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Michael H. Cole
Michael H. Cole
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and
Secretary