

**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): August 28, 2018

The Hillman Companies, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-13293
(Commission File No.)

23-2874736
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**10590 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(513) 851-4900**

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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 29, 2018, The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that The Hillman Group, Inc. has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Big Time Products, a leading provider of personal protection & work gear products. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 The information contained in this Item and in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for any purpose, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press Release issued by The Hillman Companies, Inc. dated August 29, 2018 |

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: August 31, 2018 THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory J. Gluchowski, Jr.
Name: Gregory J. Gluchowski, Jr.
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

HILLMAN TO ACQUIRE BIG TIME PRODUCTS

Cincinnati, OH - August 29, 2018 - The Hillman Group, Inc. (“Hillman”), a leading North American provider of complete hardware solutions delivered with the industry’s best customer service and sales support, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Big Time Products (“Big Time”), a leading provider of personal protection and work gear products.

Greg Gluchowski, President and CEO of Hillman, said, “With the addition of Big Time, Hillman will expand its portfolio of product solutions for both DIY and pro customers. We are excited to bring two industry leaders together that share a culture of customer focus, service, and passion for innovation.”

The acquisition will enable Hillman to expand into adjacent categories with Big Time’s expansive and innovative products in the hardware, automotive, garden, and cleaning industries that include work gloves, household gloves, knee pads, tool rigs and aprons, and job site storage. Big Time’s products are sold under its portfolio of industry-leading brands such as Firm Grip, AWP, McGuire-Nicholas, Grease Monkey, and Gorilla Grip throughout retailers in North America.

Hillman has secured committed debt financing from Jefferies Finance LLC for the transaction. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and receipt of required regulatory approvals.

About Hillman

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hillman is a leading North American provider of complete hardware solutions, delivered with industry best customer service to over 26,000 customers. Hillman designs innovative product and merchandising solutions for complex categories that deliver an outstanding customer experience to home improvement centers, mass merchants, national and regional hardware stores, pet supply stores, and OEM and Industrial customers. Leveraging a world-class distribution and sales network, Hillman delivers a “small business” experience with “big business” efficiency.

For more information, please visit Hillman’s website at hillmangroup.com or call Investor Relations at (513) 851-4900, ext. 68284.

About Big Time

Big Time was founded by two retail experts who wanted to build a better work glove. Just a few short years later, Big Time has evolved from a work glove company to become an industry leader in personal protection products and work gear. Today, Big Time has a broad portfolio ranging from knee pads, tool belts, jobsite storage, and work gloves that deliver innovative solutions to both the Home and Hardware industry. Big Time products are available in most major retail stores in North America under the Firm Grip, AWP, McGuire-Nicholas, Grease-Monkey, and Gorilla Grip brands.

For more information, please visit Big Time’s website at bigtimeproducts.net

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