

CHARMING SHOPPES INC
Form 8-K
January 05, 2006

**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) January 5, 2006

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-07258
(Commission
File Number)

23-1721355
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

450 WINKS LANE, BENSALEM, PA 19020
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(215) 245-9100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

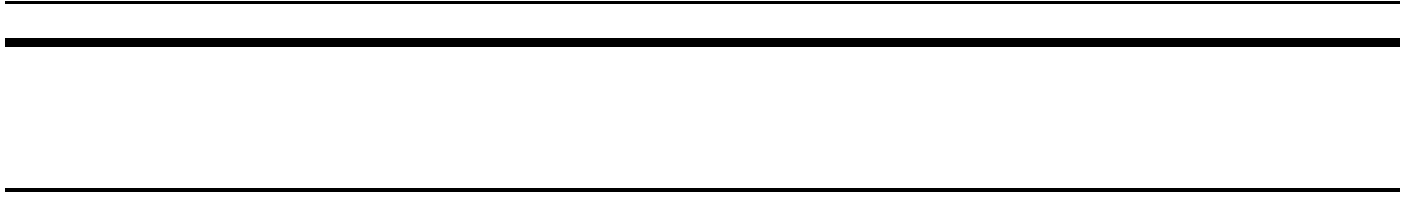
NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17

CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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



Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 5, 2006 we issued a press release reporting, among other things, our total sales for the five weeks and forty-eight weeks ended December 31, 2005. The press release also reports our projection of flat comparable store sales for the month of January 2006 for our retail store brands, and comparable store sales increases in the 4% - 5% range for our retail store brands for our fourth fiscal quarter ending January 28, 2006. Based on these plans, we reaffirmed our projections for diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter in the range of \$0.13 - \$0.14, which includes projected accretion of approximately \$0.07 per diluted share from Crosstown Traders. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The press release contains certain forward-looking statements concerning our operations, performance, and financial condition. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated. Such risks and uncertainties may include, but are not limited to: failure to implement our business plan for entry into the outlet store distribution channel; failure to successfully integrate the operations of Crosstown Traders, Inc. with Charming Shoppes, Inc.; the failure to implement our business plan for increased profitability and growth in the plus-size women's apparel business; the failure to successfully implement our business plan for Crosstown Traders, Inc.; changes in, or miscalculation of, fashion trends; extreme or unseasonable weather conditions; economic downturns; a weakness in overall consumer demand; failure to find suitable store locations; the ability to hire and train associates; trade restrictions and political or financial instability in countries where our goods are manufactured; the interruption of merchandise flow from our centralized distribution facilities; competitive pressures; and the adverse effects of acts or threats of war, terrorism, or other armed conflict on the United States and international economies. These, and other risks and uncertainties, are detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2005 and other Company filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no duty to update or revise our forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, the information included in this Item 7.01, and the exhibit attached hereto, shall be deemed to be “furnished” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” with the Securities and Exchange Commission for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Charming Shoppes, Inc. press release dated January 5, 2006.

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.

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: January 5, 2006

S/ ERIC M. SPECTER

Eric M. Specter
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

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