
**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**

**March 18, 2009
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

Commission File Number 1-6560

THE FAIRCHILD CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of incorporation or organization)

34-0728587

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1400, McLean, VA 22102

(Address of principal executive offices)

(703) 478-5800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

Certain statements in this filing contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to our financial condition, results of operation and business. These statements relate to analyses and other information, which are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements also relate to our future prospects, developments and business strategies. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "project," "will" and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, including current trend information, projections for deliveries, backlog and other trend estimates that may cause our actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those suggested or described in this financial discussion and analysis by management. These risks include: our ability to finance and successfully operate our retail businesses; our ability to accurately predict demand for our products; our ability to receive timely deliveries from vendors; our ability to raise cash to meet seasonal demands; our dependence on the retail and aerospace industries; our ability to maintain customer satisfaction and deliver products of quality; our ability to properly assess our competition; our ability to improve our operations to profitability status; our ability to liquidate non-core assets to meet cash needs; our ability to attract and retain highly qualified executive management; our ability to achieve and execute internal business plans; weather conditions in Europe during peak business season and on weekends; labor disputes; competition; foreign currency fluctuations; worldwide political instability and economic growth; military conflicts, including terrorist activities; infectious diseases; new legislation which may cause us to be required to fund our pension plan earlier than we had expected; and the impact of any economic downturns and inflation.

If one or more of these and other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Given these uncertainties, users of the information included in this report, including investors and prospective investors, are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update the forward-looking statements included in this filing, even if new information, future events or other circumstances have made them incorrect or misleading.

ITEM 1.03 BANKRUPTCY OR RECEIVERSHIP

On March 18, 2009, The Fairchild Corporation (the "Company") issued the press release that is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated March 18, 2009, issued by the Company.

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.

Dated: March 19, 2009

THE FAIRCHILD CORPORATION

By: /s/ DONALD E. MILLER, ESQ.

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**THE FAIRCHILD CORPORATION FILES FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY
REORGANIZATION**

McLean, Virginia (March 18, 2009) –The Fairchild Corporation (OTC:FCHD.PK) filed for voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization today in the District of Delaware. The Company intends to file a variety of first day motions with the court that, with Court approval, will allow it to continue to conduct its business as usual without interruption. The Company expects that it will continue to manage its properties and operate its business as a “debtor-in-possession” under the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

As is customary with public companies that have filed for Chapter 11, the Company expects the OTC bulletin board to temporarily halt trading of the company’s stock pending receipt of additional information on the Company’s financial condition and reorganization plans. The company will cooperate in providing any such information requested by the OTC bulletin board.

The Company’s principal bankruptcy attorneys are Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP and Richards, Layton & Finger. The Company’s independent financial advisor is CRG Consulting. The Company’s claims agent is Epiq Systems Bankruptcy Solutions.

About The Fairchild Corporation

Fairchild's business consists of three segments: aerospace, real estate, and motorcycle apparel. Fairchild's aerospace segment is engaged in the aerospace distribution business which stocks and distributes a wide variety of parts to operators and aerospace companies providing aircraft parts and services to customers worldwide. Fairchild also owns and develops commercial real estate. Fairchild's motorcycle apparel business designs and produces apparel under private labels for third parties, including Harley-Davidson and also owns a 49% interest in PoloExpress, a business which designs and sells motorcycle protective apparel, helmets, and a large selection of technical accessories, for motorcyclists and operates approximately 96 retail shops in Switzerland and Germany. Additional information is available on The Fairchild Corporation web site (www.fairchild.com).

This news release may contain forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21 E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements, as a result of the risks associated with the Company's business, changes in general economic conditions and changes in the assumptions used in making such forward-looking statements.