

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2008

**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): February 14, 2008**

**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-15321**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-0845861**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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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))

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On February 14, 2008, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Company) borrowed \$100.0 million under a short-term uncommitted line of credit (the Short-Term Credit Agreement) with Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., Rabobank Nederland, New York Branch (the Lender). The Company used the borrowings under the Short-Term Credit Agreement to pay down borrowings under the Company's \$1.275 billion U.S. revolving credit facility.

The Company is required to repay principal amounts borrowed under the Short-Term Credit Agreement on the earliest to occur of: (i) demand from the Lender, or (ii) February 7, 2009. The Company may elect to prepay principal at anytime.

The Short-Term Credit Agreement contains standard representations and warranties and indemnification obligations 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.

Date: February 21, 2008

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

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