

BIG LOTS INC
Form 8-K
November 25, 2013

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): November 25, 2013

BIG LOTS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio | 1-8897 | 06-1119097 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

300 Phillipi Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(614) 278-6800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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)
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- 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))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) See the disclosure in Item 8.01 below regarding John C. Martin.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 25, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the hiring of Richard Chene as its Executive Vice President, Chief Merchandising Officer. With the hiring of Mr. Chene, Mr. Martin, the incumbent Executive Vice President, Chief Merchandising Officer, will no longer serve in that role, but he will assist with an orderly transition and act in an advisory capacity until January 3, 2014, at which point his employment will terminate. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibits marked with an asterisk (*) are furnished herewith.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>99.1*</u> | Big Lots, Inc. press release dated November 25, 2013. |

Signature

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.

BIG LOTS, INC.

Date: November 25, 2013

By: /s/ Timothy A. Johnson
Timothy A. Johnson
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer