

GRILL CONCEPTS INC
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SCHEDULE 13E-3

RULE 13e-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT

Under Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 4)

Grill Concepts, Inc.

(Name of the Issuer)
Grill Concepts, Inc.

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Common Stock, \$0.00004 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

398502203

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Philip Gay

President and Chief Executive Officer

Grill Concepts, Inc.

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| Transaction Valuation (*) | Amount of Filing Fee (**) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$22,832 | \$0.90 |

(*) Calculated solely for purposes of determining the filing fee. This amount assumes the acquisition of approximately 15,221 shares of common stock for \$1.50 per share in cash in lieu of issuing fractional shares to holders of less than 35 shares of common stock after the proposed reverse/forward stock split.

(**) The filing fee is calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11(b) by multiplying the Transaction Valuation of \$22,832 by .0000393.

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| Amount Previously Paid: | \$0.90 | Filing Party: | Grill Concepts, Inc. |
| Form or Registration No.: | Schedule 13E-3 | Date Filed: | December 10, 2008 |

RULE 13e-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This Amendment No. 4 (this **Amendment No. 4**) amends and supplements the Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3 (as amended through this Amendment No. 4, this **Schedule 13E-3**) initially filed by Grill Concepts, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the **Company**), on December 10, 2008. This Amendment No. 4 is being filed pursuant to Rule 13e-3(d)(3) as a final amendment to the Schedule 13E-3 to report the results of the stock split transactions described below (the **Transaction**).

At a special meeting of stockholders held on March 17, 2009, a majority of outstanding shares of Common Stock eligible to vote, including shares underlying the Company's Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, adopted and approved amendments to the Company's certificate of incorporation to effect a reverse stock split of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock at a ratio of 1-for-35, followed immediately by a 35-for-1 forward stock split of the shares of Common Stock. The amendments were adopted and approved with (a) 5,932,863 shares voting in favor of the reverse stock split, 641,710 shares voting against the reverse stock split and 606 shares abstaining, and (b) 5,932,863 shares voting in favor of the forward stock split, 640,703 shares voting against the forward stock split and 1,611 shares abstaining. The Company filed certificates of amendment to its certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware to effect the Transaction on March 17, 2009. The reverse stock split became effective at 11:58 pm. EST on March 17, 2009 and the forward stock split became effective at 11:59 pm. EST on March 17, 2009. After the effectiveness of the Transaction, stockholders holding less than 35 shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the reverse stock split are entitled to a cash payment equal to \$1.50 per whole share of Common Stock, without interest. Stockholders holding 35 or more shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the reverse stock split participated in the forward split and therefore continued to hold the same number of shares immediately after the Transaction as they did immediately before the Transaction.

Based on the information available to the Company, the Transaction reduced the number of record holders of the Common Stock to fewer than 300. On March 20, 2009, the Company filed a Form 25 with the Securities and Exchange Commission to voluntarily withdraw its common stock from listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market and to deregister its common stock under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**). The Company intends to file a Form 15 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) to terminate registration of the Common Stock under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and to suspend its reporting obligations under the Exchange Act.

On February 20, 2009, the Company filed a definitive proxy statement (the **Proxy Statement**) pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The information contained in the Proxy Statement, including all annexes thereto, is expressly incorporated herein by reference and the responses to each item of this Schedule 13E-3 are qualified in their entirety by reference to the information contained in the Proxy Statement. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Proxy Statement.

Item 1. Summary Term Sheet

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption **SUMMARY TERM SHEET** is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Subject Company Information

(a) *Name and Address.* The name of the subject company is Grill Concepts, Inc, a Delaware corporation. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 6300 Canoga Avenue, Suite 1700, Woodland Hills, California 91367. The Company's telephone number is (818) 251-7000.

(b) *Securities.* The subject class of equity securities to which this Schedule 13E-3 relates is the Company's common stock, \$0.00004 par value per share, of which 8,807,730 shares were outstanding as of January 15, 2009.

(c) *Trading Market and Price.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY Market Price of Common Stock is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Dividends.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY Dividends is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) *Prior Public Offerings.* The Company has not made an underwritten public offering of its Common Stock for cash during the three years preceding the date of the filing of this Schedule 13E-3.

(f) *Prior Stock Purchases.* The Company has not purchased any subject securities during the two years preceding the date of the filing of this Schedule 13E-3.

Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person

(a) *Name and Address.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY The Filing Persons is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Business and Background of Entities.* Not applicable.

(c) *Business and Background of Natural Persons.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY Directors and Executive Officers is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Terms of the Transaction

(a) *Material Terms.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET and SPECIAL FACTORS is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Different Terms.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET The Transaction, Effects of the Transaction, Fairness of the Transaction, Treatment of Beneficial Holders (stockholders holding shares in street name), and Material Federal Income Tax Consequences; and SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Transaction, Fairness of the Transaction, and Material Federal Income Tax Consequences is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Appraisal Rights.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET No Appraisal or Dissenters Rights; and SPECIAL FACTORS No Appraisal or Dissenters Rights is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) *Provisions for Unaffiliated Security Holders.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SPECIAL FACTORS Fairness of the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Eligibility for Listing or Trading.* Not applicable.

Item 5. Past Contracts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements

(a) *Transactions.* Not Applicable.

(b) *Significant Corporate Events.* Not applicable.

(c) *Negotiations or Contacts.* Not applicable.

(e) *Agreements Involving the Subject Company's Securities.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Vote Required for Approval of the Transaction at the Special Meeting; and SPECIAL FACTORS Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Stockholder Approval is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals

(b) *Use of Securities Acquired.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SPECIAL FACTORS Effective Date is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Plans.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction, Effects of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction, Background of the Transaction, Effects of the Transaction, Nasdaq Capital Market Listing; Pink Sheets Listing, Fairness of the Transaction, and Conduct of the Company's Business After the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Purposes, Alternatives, Reasons and Effects

(a) *Purposes.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction and Background of the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Alternatives.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Transaction, and Alternatives to the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Reasons.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction, Background of the Transaction, Alternatives to the Transaction, and Fairness of the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Effects.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET The Transaction, Effects of the Transaction, and Material Federal Income Tax Consequences; and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose and Reasons for the Transaction, Effects of the Transaction, Nasdaq Capital Market Listing; Pink Sheets Listing, Conduct of the Company's Business After the Transaction, and Material Federal Income Tax Consequences is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8. Fairness of the Transaction

(a) *Fairness.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Special Committee and Board of Directors Recommendations of the Transaction, and Fairness of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Transaction, and Fairness of the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Factors Considered in Determining Fairness.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction, Special Committee and Board of Directors Recommendations of the Transaction, Reservation of Rights, and Fairness of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Purpose of and Reasons for the Transaction, Background of the Transaction, Alternatives to the Transaction, Fairness of the Transaction, and Fairness Opinion of Financial Advisor is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Approval of Security Holders.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Potential Conflicts of Interest of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliates Persons, and Vote Required for Approval of the Transaction at the Special Meeting; and SPECIAL FACTORS Fairness of the Transaction, Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Stockholder Approval is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Unaffiliated Representatives*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Fairness of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Transaction, Fairness of the Transaction, and Fairness Opinion of Financial Advisor is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) *Approval of Directors*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Special Committee and Board of Directors Recommendations of the Transaction, and Fairness of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Transaction, and Fairness of the Transaction is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Other Offers*. None.

Item 9. Reports, Opinions, Appraisals and Negotiations

(a) *Report, Opinion or Appraisal*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Special Committee and Board of Directors Recommendations of the Transaction and Fairness of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Transaction, Fairness of the Transaction, and Fairness Opinion of Financial Advisor is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Preparer and Summary of the Report, Opinion or Appraisal*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Special Committee and Board of Directors Recommendations of the Transaction and Fairness of the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Background of the Transaction, Fairness of the Transaction, and Fairness Opinion of Financial Advisor is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Availability of Documents*. The full text of the fairness opinion of Morgan Joseph & Co., Inc. (**Morgan Joseph**) dated December 8, 2008, is attached as Annex B to the Proxy Statement. Each of the fairness opinion of Morgan Joseph and the Valuation Presentation of Morgan Joseph dated December 8, 2008 is also available for inspection and copying at the Company's principal executive offices, 6300 Canoga Avenue, Suite 1700, Woodland Hills, California 91367.

Item 10. Source and Amounts of Funds or Other Consideration

(a) *Source of Funds*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Financing for the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Transaction and Source of Funds and Expenses is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Conditions*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Financing for the Transaction; and SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Transaction and Source of Funds and Expenses is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Expenses*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SPECIAL FACTORS Source of Funds and Expenses is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Borrowed Funds*. Not applicable.

Item 11. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company

(a) *Securities Ownership*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Securities Transactions*. None.

Item 12. The Solicitation or Recommendation

(d) *Intent to Tender or Vote in a Going Private Transaction*. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Effects of the Transaction, Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Vote required for Approval of the Transaction at the Special Meeting; SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Transaction, Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Stockholder Approval is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) *Recommendation of Others.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under SUMMARY TERM SHEET Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Vote required for Approval of the Transaction at the Special Meeting; and SPECIAL FACTORS Effects of the Transaction, Potential Conflicts of Interests of Officers, Directors, and Certain Affiliated Persons, and Stockholder Approval is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Financial Statements

(a) *Financial Information.* The audited financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements are incorporated by reference in the Proxy Statement from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2007, and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2008. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under FINANCIAL INFORMATION Summary Historical Financial Information and Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Pro forma Information.* None

Item 14. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used

(a) *Solicitation or Recommendation.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under MEETING AND VOTING INFORMATION Solicitation is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Employees and Corporate Assets.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under MEETING AND VOTING INFORMATION Solicitation is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 15. Additional Information

(b) *Other Material Information.* The information contained in the Proxy Statement, including all appendices attached thereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 16. Exhibits

(a)(i) Notice of Meeting and Definitive Proxy Statement of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 20, 2009).

(a)(ii) Annual financial statements for the years ended December 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 of Grill Concepts, Inc. appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007 (filed with the SEC on April 4, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).

(a)(iii) Interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 28, 2008 of Grill Concepts, Inc. appearing in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 28, 2008 (filed with the SEC on November 12, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).

(b) Not applicable

(c)(i) Opinion of Morgan Joseph dated December 8, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Annex B of the Proxy Statement).

(c)(ii) Presentation dated December 8, 2008 of Morgan Joseph to the Board of Directors of the Company (previously filed with the Schedule 13E-3 (Amendment No. 1) filed on January 20, 2009).

(d) Not applicable

(f) Not applicable

(g) Not applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

GRILL CONCEPTS, INC.

By: /s/ Philip Gay
Philip Gay
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: March 24, 2009

/s/ Philip Gay
Philip Gay

/s/ Michael Weinstock
Michael Weinstock

/s/ Robert Spivak
Robert Spivak

/s/ Glenn Golenberg
Glenn Golenberg

/s/ Stephen Ross
Stephen Ross

/s/ Bruce Schwartz
Bruce Schwartz

/s/ Rudolph Borneo
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/s/ Wayne Lipschitz
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/s/ John Sola
John Sola

/s/ Louis Feinstein
Louis Feinstein