

COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

**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):**

**October 23, 2008**

**COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Oregon**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-23939**

(Commission File Number)

**93-0498284**

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

**14375 Northwest Science Park Drive**

**Portland, Oregon 97229**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(503) 985-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**No Change**

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

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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On October 23, 2008, Columbia Sportswear Company issued a press release reporting its third quarter 2008 financial results. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

In its October 23, 2008 press release, the Company also announced that its board of directors approved a dividend of \$0.16 per share of common stock to be paid on November 26, 2008 to its shareholders of record on November 13, 2008, and

authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$100 million of Company common stock in market or negotiated transactions.

The repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares or to acquire shares over any specified period of time.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

99.1 Press release dated October 23, 2008.

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**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.

**COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY**

Dated: October 23, 2008

By: /s/ Bryan L. Timm  
Bryan L. Timm  
Vice President and Chief Operating  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit Description**

99.1 Press release dated October 23, 2008 (furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 hereof).