

SCHULMAN A INC
Form 8-K
January 30, 2012

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): January 30, 2012

A. SCHULMAN, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-7459
(Commission
File Number)

34-0514850
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3550 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44333
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 666-3751

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. 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 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On January 30, 2012, A. Schulman, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing the execution of a definitive purchase agreement to acquire Elian SAS, a leading producer of highly specialized color masterbatch products, from British Vita plc for approximately 48 million or \$63 million in cash based on current exchange rates. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporate by reference herein.

Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Current Report on Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Furthermore, the information in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated January 30, 2012.

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.

A. Schulman, Inc.

By: /s/ David C. Minc
David C. Minc
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Date: January 30, 2012