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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 4, 2005

THE WET SEAL, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	**0-18632** (Commission File Number)	**33-0415940** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

26972 Burbank **Foothill Ranch, California** (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	**92610** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(949) 583-9029**

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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[] 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 February 8, 2005, The Wet Seal, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Pacific Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") is conducting an informal, non-public inquiry regarding the Company. The inquiry generally concerns the chronology, events and announcements relating to the Company's 2004 second quarter earnings results occurring during the period of August 5 through August 19, 2004. In addition, the SEC has requested documents in the Company's possession, if any, relating to the sale of the Company's stock by La Senza Corporation and certain of its affiliates during 2004. The SEC noted in its notification letter, which was received on February 4, 2005, that the inquiry should not be construed as an indication by the SEC or its staff that any violations of law have occurred.

The Company intends to fully cooperate with the SEC's informal inquiry.

A copy of the Company's press release appears as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

Not Applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not Applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release, dated February 8, 2005, issued 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.

THE WET SEAL, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: February 8, 2005

By: /s/ DOUGLAS C. FELDERMAN
Name: Douglas C. Felderman
Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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THE WET SEAL, INC. ANNOUNCES SEC INFORMAL INQUIRY

FOOTHILL RANCH, Calif. — (BUSINESS WIRE) — February 8, 2005 — Specialty retailer The Wet Seal, Inc. (NASDAQ: WTSLA) (the "Company") announced today that the Pacific Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") is conducting an informal, non-public inquiry regarding the Company. The inquiry generally concerns the chronology, events and announcements relating to the Company's 2004 second quarter earnings results occurring during the period of August 5 through August 19, 2004. In addition, the SEC has requested documents in the Company's possession, if any, relating to the sale of the Company's stock by La Senza Corporation and certain of its affiliates during 2004. The SEC noted in its notification letter, which was received on February 4, 2005, that the inquiry should not be construed as an indication by the SEC or its staff that any violations of law have occurred.

The Company intends to fully cooperate with the SEC's informal inquiry.

Headquartered in Foothill Ranch, California, The Wet Seal, Inc. is a leading specialty retailer of fashionable and contemporary apparel and accessory items. The Company currently operates a total of 453 stores in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including 359 Wet Seal stores and 94 Arden B. stores. The Company's products can also be purchased online at www.wetseal.com or www.ardenb.com . For more company information, visit www.wetsealinc.com .

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995: This news release contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to the Company's opening and closing of stores, profitability and growth, demand for its products or any other statements that relate to the intent, belief, plans or expectations of the Company or its management. All forward-looking statements made by the Company involve material risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on factors beyond the Company's control. Accordingly, the Company's future performance and financial results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, those described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This news release contains results reflecting partial year data and non-fiscal data that may not be indicative of results for similar future periods or for the full year. The Company will not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

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