

COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONSOLIDATED /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 31, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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):

March 28, 2003  
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COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-9286	56-0950585
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4100 Coca-Cola Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(704) 557-4400  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

The Registrant issued a press release on March 28, 2003 announcing the Company's purchase of an additional interest in Piedmont Coca-Cola Bottling Partnership from The Coca-Cola Company for \$53.5 million. This transaction was financed by the issuance of \$100 million of 5.30% Senior Notes due 2015, on March 27, 2003. The balance of the net proceeds from the issuance of these senior notes was used to repay borrowings under the Company's term loan agreement.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press release issued on March 28, 2003.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

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(REGISTRANT)

Date: March 31, 2003

BY: /s/ David V. Singer

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David V. Singer  
Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant  
and  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit Description

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