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GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC

Form 8-K March 07, 2003

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

March 7, 2003 (February 21, 2003)
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 1-4141 13-1890974

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

2 Paragon Drive, Montvale, New Jersey 07645
-----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 573-9700

None

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

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 21, 2003, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. (the "Company") executed Amendment No. 5, dated as of February 21, 2003, to its existing Credit Agreement dated as of February 23, 2001, as amended, with JPMorgan Chase Bank and the lenders signatory thereto ("Amendment No. 5"). Amendment No. 5 is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 7. Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

10.1

Amendment No. 5 dated as of February 21, 2003, to the Credit Agreement dated as of February 23, 2001, as amended, among the Company, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Company of Canada, Limited and the other borrowers party thereto, the banks party

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thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank (successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank), as U.S. Administrative Agent, and J. P. Morgan Bank Canada, formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank of Canada, as Canadian Administrative Agent.

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.

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.

Date: March 7, 2003 By: /s/ William P. Costantini

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Name: William P. Costantini

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary