
**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**

**December 27, 2012
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-31552
(Commission
File Number)

87-0543688
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**2100 Roosevelt Avenue
Springfield, Massachusetts
01104**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(800) 331-0852
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 27, 2012, we issued a press release announcing that our board of directors has authorized the repurchase of an additional \$15.0 million of our common stock through June 30, 2013. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) *Financial Statements of Business Acquired.*
Not applicable.
- (b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*
Not applicable.
- (c) *Shell Company Transactions.*
Not applicable.
- (d) *Exhibits.*

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99.1 Press release from Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation, dated December 27, 2012, entitled "Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation Expands Stock Repurchase Program"

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.

SMITH & WESSON HOLDING CORPORATION

Date: December 27, 2012

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Buchanan

Jeffrey D. Buchanan

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer

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**Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation
Expands Stock Repurchase Program**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., December 27, 2012 — **Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC)**, a leader in firearm manufacturing and design, today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized an additional \$15.0 million for common stock repurchases through June 30, 2013.

On December 6, 2012, the company announced that its Board of Directors approved a program to repurchase up to \$20.0 million of the company's outstanding shares of common stock from time to time until June 30, 2013. The company has subsequently repurchased all of the initially authorized \$20.0 million of common stock.

The amount and timing of any repurchases will depend on a number of factors, including price, trading volume, general market conditions, legal requirements, and other factors. Any shares of common stock repurchased under the program will be considered issued but not outstanding shares of the company's common stock. The company expects to fund the repurchase program using the company's cash on hand and working capital.

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC) is a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, delivering a broad portfolio of quality firearms, related products, and training to the global military, law enforcement, and consumer markets. The company's brands include Smith & Wesson®, M&P™ and Thompson/Center Arms. Smith & Wesson facilities are located in Massachusetts and Maine. For more information on Smith & Wesson, call (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements contained in this press release may be deemed to be forward-looking statements under federal securities laws, and we intend that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe-harbor created thereby. Such forward-looking statements include future repurchases of our common stock under our stock repurchase program, including the amount, time, and manner of repurchases, if any. We caution that these statements are qualified by important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include risks that are detailed from time to time in our reports filed with the SEC, including our Form 10-K Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012.