

STONEMOR PARTNERS LP
Form 8-K
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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): December 19, 2014

StoneMor Partners L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

001-32270
(Commission

80-0103159
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

311 Veterans Highway, Suite B, Levittown, PA 19056

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (215) 826-2800

Not Applicable

(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 19, 2014, StoneMor Partners L.P. (the Partnership) entered into the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement) among StoneMor Operating LLC as a Borrower (the Operating Company), each of the subsidiaries of the Operating Company as additional Borrowers (together with the Operating Company, the Borrowers), StoneMor GP LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, and the Partnership as Guarantors, the Lenders identified therein, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer. In addition, on the same date, the Borrowers, the Guarantors and Bank of America, N.A. entered into the Second Amended and Restated Security Agreement (the Security Agreement) and the Second Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement (the Pledge Agreement), and together with the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement, the New Agreements).

The New Agreements replaced the Partnership's Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated January 19, 2012, as amended (the Prior Credit Agreement), Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated April 29, 2011, as amended, and Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated April 29, 2011, as amended (collectively, the Prior Agreements). The primary purposes of entering into the New Agreements were to consolidate the amendments to the Prior Agreements into the New Agreements, increase the aggregate principal amount of permitted borrowings under the Credit Agreement and modify the mechanics of the revolving credit facility to provide for Acquisition Draws and Working Capital Draws.

The Credit Agreement provides for a single revolving credit facility of \$180 million (the Credit Facility) maturing on December 19, 2019. Additionally the Credit Agreement provides for an uncommitted ability to increase the Credit Facility by an additional \$70 million. The summary of the material terms of the New Agreements is set forth below. Capitalized terms which are not defined in the following description shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the New Agreements.

The interest rates on the Credit Facility are calculated as follows:

For Eurodollar Rate Loans, the outstanding principal amount thereof bears interest for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate for the Interest Period plus the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Rate Loans; and

For Base Rate Loans and Swing Line Loans, the outstanding principal amount thereof bears interest from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate for Base Rate Loans.

In addition, the Borrowers must pay a Letter of Credit Fee for each Letter of Credit equal to the Applicable Rate for Letter of Credit Fees times the daily amount to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. The Applicable Rate is determined based on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries, and ranges from 2.25% to 4.00% for Eurodollar Rate Loans and Letter of Credit Fees, and 1.25% to 3.00% for Base Rate Loans. The current Applicable Rate for each of: (i) Eurodollar Rate Loans and Letter of Credit Fees is 3.25% and (ii) Base Rate Loans is 2.25% based on the current Consolidated Leverage Ratio. The Credit Agreement also requires the Borrowers to pay a quarterly unused commitment fee, which is calculated based on the amount by which the commitments under the Credit Agreement exceed the usage of such commitments.

The Credit Agreement contains financial covenants, pursuant to which the Borrowers and the Guarantors will not permit:

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Consolidated EBITDA for any Measurement Period to be less than the sum of (i) \$80 million plus (ii) 80% of the aggregate of all Consolidated EBITDA for each Permitted Acquisition completed after June 30, 2014;

the Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio to be less than 2.50 to 1.0 for any Measurement Period; and

the Consolidated Leverage Ratio to be greater than 4.00 to 1.0 for any period.

The covenants include, among other limitations, limitations on: (i) liens, (ii) the creation or incurrence of debt, (iii) investments and acquisitions, (iv) dispositions of property, (v) dividends, distributions and redemptions, and (vi) transactions with Affiliates.

The Credit Agreement provides that two types of draws are permitted with respect to the Credit Facility: Acquisition Draws and Working Capital Draws. The proceeds of Acquisition Draws may be utilized by the Borrowers to finance Permitted Acquisitions, the purchase and construction of mausoleums and related costs or the net amount of Merchandise Trust deposits made after the Closing Date under the Credit Agreement, irrespective of whether such amounts relate to new or existing cemeteries or funeral homes. The proceeds of Working Capital Draws, Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans may be utilized by the Borrowers to finance working capital requirements, Capital Expenditures and for other general corporate purposes. The borrowing of Working Capital Advances is subject to a borrowing formula of 85% of Eligible Receivables.

Each Acquisition Draw is subject to equal quarterly amortization of the principal amount of such draw, with annual principal payments comprised of ten percent (10%) of the related draw amount, commencing on the second anniversary of such draw, with the remaining principal due on the Maturity Date, subject to certain mandatory prepayment requirements. Working Capital Draws are due on the Maturity Date, subject to certain mandatory prepayment requirements.

The Borrowers' obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by both the Partnership and StoneMor GP LLC.

Pursuant to the Security Agreement and the Pledge Agreement, the Borrowers' obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a first priority lien and security interest in substantially all of the Borrowers' assets, whether then owned or thereafter acquired, excluding: (i) trust accounts, certain proceeds required by law to be placed into such trust accounts and funds held in trust accounts; (ii) StoneMor GP LLC's interest in the Partnership, the incentive distribution rights under the Partnership's partnership agreement and the deposit accounts of StoneMor GP LLC into which distributions are received; (iii) Equipment subject to a purchase money security interest or equipment lease permitted under the Credit Agreement and certain other contract rights under which contractual, legal or other restrictions on assignment would prohibit the creation of a security interest or such creation of a security interest would result in a default thereunder.

Events of Default under the Credit Agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

non-payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due under the Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document;

failure to observe or perform any covenants related to: (i) the delivery of financial statements, compliance certificates, reports and other information; (ii) providing prompt notice of Defaults and other events; (iii) the preservation of the legal existence and good standing of each Borrower and Guarantor; (iv) the ability of the Administrative Agent and each Lender to visit and inspect properties, examine books and records, and discuss financial and business affairs with directors, officers and independent public accountants of each Borrower and Guarantor; (v) restrictions on the use of proceeds; (vi) guarantees by new Subsidiaries; (vii) the maintenance of corporate formalities for each Borrower and Guarantor; (viii) the maintenance of Trust Accounts and Trust Funds; and (ix) any of the negative covenants or financial covenants contained in the Credit Agreement;

failure to observe or perform any other covenant, if uncured 30 days after notice thereof is provided by the Administrative Agent or Lenders;

any default under any other Indebtedness of the Borrowers or Guarantors;

any insolvency proceedings by a Borrower or Guarantor;

the insolvency of any Borrower or Guarantor, or a writ of attachment or execution or similar process issuing or being levied against any material part of the property of a Borrower or Guarantor; and

any Change in Control.

The New Agreements also include various representations, warranties and covenants and indemnification provisions customary for transactions of this nature.

Some of the Lenders and their respective affiliates have acted as lenders under the Prior Credit Agreement and engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings with the Partnership and its affiliates for which they have received, and will receive, customary fees and expenses.

The foregoing summary of the New Agreements is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the New Agreements, copies of which are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 hereto and are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 19, 2014, the Partnership entered into the New Agreements that replaced the Prior Agreements and effectively terminated the Prior Agreements, as described in Item 1.01 above, which description is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On December 19, 2014, the Partnership entered into the Credit Agreement. The terms of the Credit Agreement are described in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, which description is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

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10.1	Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated December 19, 2014, among StoneMor Operating LLC, each of its Subsidiaries, StoneMor GP LLC, StoneMor Partners L.P., the Lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer.
10.2	Second Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated December 19, 2014, among StoneMor GP LLC, StoneMor Partners L.P., StoneMor Operating LLC, the Subsidiary Debtors listed therein and Bank of America, N.A. as Collateral Agent.
10.3	Second Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, December 19, 2014, among StoneMor GP LLC, StoneMor Partners L.P., StoneMor Operating LLC, the Subsidiary Pledgors listed therein and Bank of America, N.A. as administrative and collateral 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 hereunto duly authorized.

STONEMOR PARTNERS L.P.

By: StoneMor GP LLC
its general partner

By: /s/ Timothy K. Yost
Name: Timothy K. Yost
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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