

GRIFFON CORP
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): November 15, 2017

GRIFFON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-06620

Delaware	11-1893410
(State or other jurisdiction	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	Identification No.)

712 Fifth Avenue, 18th Floor

New York, New York 10019

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 957-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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:

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Transaction Agreement

On November 15, 2017, Clopay Ames True Temper Holding Corp. and Clopay Plastic Products Company, Inc. (“Clopay Plastics”), both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Griffon Corporation (“Griffon”), entered into a Transaction Agreement (the “Transaction Agreement”) to sell Clopay Plastics to Berry Global, Inc. (“Buyer”) for a purchase price of \$475,000,000 in cash, subject to certain adjustments as set forth in the Transaction Agreement.

Pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, Buyer will purchase all of the currently issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Clopay Plastics (the “Transaction”). Consummation of the Transaction is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of customary conditions, including the receipt of requisite antitrust approvals (or the expiration of applicable antitrust waiting periods) and the absence of any event or circumstance having a material adverse effect on Clopay Plastics and its subsidiaries.

Incorporation by Reference

A copy of the Transaction Agreement is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Transaction Agreement has been included to provide investors and security holders with information regarding the terms of the Transaction Agreement, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Transaction Agreement.

The Transaction Agreement contains representations, warranties and covenants that the parties thereto made to each other as of specific dates. The assertions embodied in those representations, warranties and covenants were made solely for purposes of the Transaction Agreement between the parties thereto and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by such parties in connection with negotiating the terms thereof. The representations and warranties may be subject to a contractual standard of materiality that may be different from what may be viewed as material to investors or security holders, or may have been used for the purpose of allocating risk between the parties rather than establishing matters of fact. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the Transaction Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in Griffon’s public disclosures. For the foregoing reasons, no person should rely on the representations and warranties as statements of factual information at the time they were made or otherwise.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 16, 2017, Griffon issued a press release in which it announced that it entered into the Transaction Agreement. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements that involve numerous risks and uncertainties. The statements contained in this communication that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including, without limitation, statements regarding the expected benefits and closing of the proposed Transaction, the management of Griffon and Griffon's expectations, beliefs and intentions. All forward-looking statements included in this communication are based on information available to Griffon on the date hereof. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "can," "will," "should," "could," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "intends," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," "targets," "goals," "projects," "outlook," "continue," "preliminary," "guidance," or variations of such words, similar expressions, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. No assurance can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what impact they will have on our results of operations or financial condition. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Neither Griffon nor any other person can assume responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of forward-looking statements. There are various important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in any such forward-looking statements, many of which are beyond Griffon's control. These factors include: failure to obtain, delays in obtaining, or adverse conditions contained in, any required regulatory or other approvals, including the Antitrust Approvals; failure to consummate or a delay in consummating the Transaction for other reasons; changes in laws or regulations; and changes in general economic conditions. Griffon undertakes no obligation (and expressly disclaims any such obligation) to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. For additional information please refer to Griffon's most recent Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1	<u>Transaction Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2017, by and among Clopay Ames True Temper Holding Corp., Clopay Plastic Products Company, Inc. and Berry Global, Inc.*</u>
99.1	<u>Press Release of Griffon Corporation, dated November 16, 2017.</u>

The registrant has omitted schedules and similar attachments to the subject agreement pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of *Regulation S-K. The registrant will furnish a copy of any omitted schedule or similar attachment to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

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.

GRIFFON CORPORATION

Date: November 20, 2017 By: /s/ Seth L. Kaplan
Seth L. Kaplan
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary