

J JILL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 28, 2004

**UNITED STATES**



**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**



WASHINGTON, DC 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 26, 2004**

## **THE J. JILL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-22480**

(Commission  
File Number)

**04-2973769**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4 Batterymarch Park, Quincy,  
MA**

(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

**02169-7468**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 376-4300**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

The J. Jill Group, Inc. (the Company) recently organized two new subsidiaries and converted The Birch Pond Group, Inc., an existing subsidiary, from a Massachusetts corporation into J. Jill, LLC, a New Hampshire limited liability company. In connection with these organizational changes, on December 27, 2004, the Company entered into an amendment of the Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement dated as of January 29, 2001, as amended, between Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, individually and as agent, the other lenders named therein and the Company and a number of related documents attached as Exhibits 10.1 through 10.10 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In addition and also in connection with these organizational changes, the Company entered into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated as of December 26, 2004 among Citizens Leasing Corporation, J. Jill, LLC and the Company (the Assignment and Assumption Agreement) to assign the Company's existing equipment loan with Citizens Leasing Corporation to J. Jill, LLC. A copy of the Assignment and Assumption Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.11 to this Report. In connection therewith, the Company executed a guaranty to Citizens Leasing Corporation, which is attached as Exhibit 10.12 to this Report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

10.1 Fifth Amendment to Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, by and among the Company and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, HSBC Bank USA, National Association and Banknorth, N.A.

10.2 Amendment to Security Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, between the Company and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.3 Security Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, between J. Jill, LLC and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.4 Security Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, between J.J. Company, Inc. and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.5 Security Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, between J. Jill, GP and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.6                                      Guaranty (Unlimited), dated December 27, 2004, between J. Jill, LLC and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.7                                      Guaranty (Unlimited), dated December 27, 2004, between J.J. Company, Inc. and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.8                                      Guaranty (Unlimited), dated December 27, 2004, between J. Jill, GP and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.9                                      Pledge Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, between the Company and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, as agent for the lenders

10.10 First Pledge and Security Agreement, dated December 27, 2004, between J. Jill, GP and Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, individually and as agent for the lenders

10.11 Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated December 26, 2004, between the Company, J. Jill, LLC and Citizens Leasing Corporation

10.12 Guaranty, dated December 26, 2004, between the Company and Citizens Leasing Corporation

**SIGNATURES**

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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.

THE J. JILL GROUP, INC.

Date: December 28, 2004

By: /s/ Olga L. Conley  
Olga L. Conley  
Executive Vice President /  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*