

GEO GROUP INC
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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): February 21, 2012

THE GEO GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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Florida
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-14260
(Commission File Number)

65-0043078
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

621 NW 53rd Street, Suite 700, Boca Raton, Florida
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33487
(Zip Code)

(561) 893-0101

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 21, 2012, The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO) issued a press release (the Press Release) announcing its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2012, issuing its initial financial guidance for full year 2012 and its financial guidance for first quarter 2012, and announcing its adoption of a dividend policy, a copy of which is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1. GEO also held a conference call on February 21, 2012 to discuss its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2012, its financial guidance for 2012 and its adoption of a dividend policy, a transcript of which is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.2. Supplemental disclosure for the quarter and year ended January 1, 2012 is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

In the Press Release, GEO provided Pro Forma Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Funds from Operations for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2012 and the comparable prior-year periods that were not calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (the Non-GAAP Information) and are presented as supplemental disclosures. Generally, for purposes of Regulation G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Non-GAAP Information is any numerical measure of a company s performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. The Press Release presents the financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, which is the most directly comparable to the Non-GAAP Information, with a prominence equal to or greater than its presentation of the Non-GAAP Information. The Press Release also contains a reconciliation of the Non-GAAP Information to the financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP which is the most directly comparable to the Non-GAAP Information.

Pro Forma Net Income is defined as net income adjusted for net loss attributable to non-controlling interests, start-up/transition expenses, net of tax, international bid and proposal expenses, net of tax, M&A-related expenses, net of tax, loss on extinguishment of debt, net of tax, gain on land sale, net of tax, and IRS settlement, net of tax. GEO believes that Pro Forma Net Income is useful to investors as it provides information about the performance of GEO s overall business because such measure eliminates the effects of certain unusual or non-recurring charges that are not directly attributable to GEO s underlying operating performance, it provides disclosure on the same basis as that used by GEO s management and it provides consistency in GEO s financial reporting and therefore continuity to investors for comparability purposes. GEO s management uses Pro Forma Net Income to monitor and evaluate its operating performance and to facilitate internal and external comparisons of the historical operating performance of GEO and its business units.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income before net interest expense, income tax provision, depreciation and amortization, and tax provision on equity in earnings of affiliate, adjusted for net loss attributable to non-controlling interests, stock-based compensation, pre-tax, start-up/transition expenses, pre-tax, international bid and proposal expenses, pre-tax, M&A-related expenses, pre-tax, loss on extinguishment of debt, pre-tax, gain on land sale, pre-tax, and IRS settlement, pre-tax. GEO believes that Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors as it provides information about the performance of GEO s overall business because such measure eliminates the effects of certain unusual or non-recurring charges that are not directly attributable to GEO s underlying operating performance, it provides disclosure on the same basis as that used by GEO s management and it provides consistency in GEO s financial reporting and therefore continuity to investors for comparability purposes. GEO s management uses Adjusted EBITDA to monitor and evaluate its operating performance and to facilitate internal and external comparisons of the historical operating performance of GEO and its business units.

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Adjusted Funds From Operations is defined as net income excluding depreciation and amortization, income tax provision, income taxes paid, stock-based compensation, maintenance capital expenditures, equity in (earnings) loss of affiliates, net of tax, amortization of debt costs and other non-cash interest, net loss attributable to non-controlling interests, start-up/transition expenses, international bid and proposal expenses, M&A-related expenses, loss on extinguishment of debt, gain on land sale, net of tax, and IRS settlement, net of tax. GEO believes that Adjusted Funds From Operations is useful to investors as it provides information regarding cash that GEO's operating business generates before taking into account certain cash and non-cash items that are non-operational or infrequent in nature, it provides disclosure on the same basis as that used by GEO's management and it provides consistency in GEO's financial reporting and therefore continuity to investors for comparability purposes. GEO's management uses Adjusted Funds From Operations to monitor and evaluate its operating performance and to facilitate internal and external comparisons of the historical operating performance of GEO and its business units.

The Non-GAAP Financial Information should be considered in addition to results that are prepared under current accounting standards but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Non-GAAP Financial Information may differ from similarly titled measures presented by other companies. The Non-GAAP Financial Information, as well as other information in the Press Release, should be read in conjunction with GEO's financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information set forth in Item 2.02 in this Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in Item 2.02 in this Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 21, 2012, GEO announced that its Board of Directors has decided to adopt a dividend policy. GEO announced that as a starting point, it is GEO's intent to initiate a \$0.10 per share quarterly dividend, or \$0.40 per share annually, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2012. Prior to initiating this dividend, GEO expects to use its excess cash flow to complete its projects under development and begin to pay down debt.

The information set forth in Item 7.01 in this Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in Item 7.01 in this Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Safe-Harbor Statement

This Form 8-K and the exhibits furnished thereto contain forward-looking statements regarding future events and future performance of GEO that involve risks and uncertainties that could materially affect actual results, including statements regarding financial guidance for first quarter 2012 and full year 2012, our expectation to declare quarterly cash dividends and the amount and timing of such dividends, our expectations regarding the GEOAmev transportation project achieving normalized operations and profitability, our estimates regarding the timing of earnings contributions by the three new project activations, estimates regarding carrying costs, business development opportunities and expected fees and expenses related to these business development opportunities, GEO's ability to maintain growth and strengthen contract relationships, and GEO's ability to meet the increasing demand for correctional, detention, and residential treatment services, and long-term growth prospects in its industry. Factors that could cause actual results to vary from current expectations and forward-looking statements contained in this Form 8-K include, but are not limited to those factors contained in GEO's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including the Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K reports.

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Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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(d) Exhibits

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99.3	Supplemental Disclosure for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2012.

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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 GEO GROUP, INC.

February 27, 2012
Date

By: /s/ Brian R. Evans
Brian R. Evans
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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