TWEEN BRANDS, INC. Form 8-K August 22, 2006

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): August 17, 2006 (Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-14987 31-1333930

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

8323 Walton Parkway New Albany, Ohio 43054 (614) 775-3500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number including area code of Registrant s principal executive offices)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K fýling is intended to simultaneously satisfy the fýling obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 17, 2006, Tween Brands, Inc. (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors amended the Company s share repurchase program to restore the amount that may be used to repurchase shares to \$125 million over a two year period beginning August 21, 2006. The purchases may occur from time to time, subject to market conditions, in open market or in privately negotiated transactions, and in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission requirements. A copy of the Company s press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company also provided earnings guidance for its third quarter ending October 28, 2006 indicating that it expects third quarter diluted earnings per share to be between \$0.56 and \$0.59 for the quarter. Refer to Exhibit 99.1 for further information.

The information contained or incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K contains various forward-looking statements specifically related to the company s earnings outlook and store growth plans for 2006 within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other applicable securities laws. Such statements can be identified by the use of the forward-looking words anticipate, estimate. believe. plan. outlook, or similar words. These statements discuss futur hope, risk, could, pro forma, potential, prospect, expectations, contain projections regarding future developments, operations or financial conditions, or state other forward-looking information. These forward-looking statements involve various important risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results for 2006 and beyond to differ materially from those expressed. The following factors, among others, could affect our future financial performance and cause actual future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements included in this Form 8-K:

Changes in consumer spending patterns, consumer preferences and overall economic conditions;

Decline in the demand for our merchandise;

The impact of competition and pricing;

Effectiveness of our brand awareness and marketing programs;

A significant change in the regulatory environment applicable to our business;

Risks associated with our sourcing and logistics functions;

Changes in existing or potential trade restrictions, duties, tariffs or quotas;

Currency and exchange risks;

Availability of suitable store locations at appropriate terms;

Ability to develop new merchandise;

Ability to hire and train associates;

The potential impact of health concerns relating to severe infectious diseases, particularly on manufacturing operations of our vendors in Asia and elsewhere;

Acts of terrorism in the U.S. or worldwide; and

Other risks that may be described in other reports and filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Future economic and industry trends that could potentially impact revenue and profitability are difficult to predict. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included herein will prove to be accurate. The inclusion of forward-looking statements should not be regarded a representation by us, or any other person, that our objectives will be achieved. The forward-looking statements made herein are based on information presently available to us, as the management of the Company. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise our forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

Item 9.01. Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

- 99.1 * Press Release, dated August 17, 2006, entitled Tween Brands Inc. Amends Share Repurchase Program; Provides Third Quarter Earnings Guidance.
- * Furnished with this report.

SIGNATURE

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.

TWEEN BRANDS, INC.

Date: August 21, 2006 By: /s/ William E. May

William E. May

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating

Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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Press Release, dated August 16, 2006, entitled Tween Brands Inc. Amends Share Repurchase Program; Provides Third Quarter Earnings Guidance.