COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONSOLIDATED /DE/ Form 8-K March 06, 2003

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):

March 5, 2003

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-9286 (Commission File Number) 56-0950585 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4100 Coca-Cola Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) 28211 (Zip Code)

(704) 557-4400

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

The Registrant issued a press release on March 5, 2003 announcing the plan to increase ownership of Piedmont Coca-Cola Bottling Partnership.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:
 - 99.1 Press release issued on March 5, 2003.

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 thereunto duly authorized:

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

(REGISTRANT)

Date: March 6, 2003

BY:

/s/ David V. Singer

David V. Singer

Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant

and

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBITS

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