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** January 11, 2006 (Date of Report; Date of Earliest Event Reported):

STEIN MART, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Florida (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-20052 (Commission File Number)

64-0466198 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

1200 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207

(Address of Principal Executive Offices Including Zip Code)

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(904) 346-1500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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

On January 11, 2006, Stein Mart, Inc. entered into Amendment No. 1 to Loan and Security Agreement (the Amendment) with a group of lenders and Wachovia Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Congress Financial Corporation (Florida), in its capacity as administrative and collateral agent. The original Loan and Security Agreement (the Agreement) was dated July 18, 2003.

The principal purposes of the Amendment were to extend the term of the Agreement to January 11, 2011, to decrease the maximum credit from \$150 million to \$100 million, add an option to increase the facility by an additional \$50 million, and reduce the interest rates and unused line fee.

ITEM 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

Please refer to Item 1.01 above regarding entry into an amendment of the Loan and Security Agreement dated July 18, 2003.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

10.21 Amendment No. 1 to Loan and Security Agreement

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STEIN MART, INC. (Registrant)

Dated: January 17, 2006 By: /s/ James G. Delfs

James G. Delfs Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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