

GENERAL MILLS INC
Form 8-K
April 17, 2009

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):

April 16, 2009

General Mills, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-01185

(Commission
File Number)

41-0274440

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Number One General Mills Boulevard,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

(Address of principal executive offices)

55426-1347

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

763-764-7600

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On April 16, 2009, General Mills, Inc. (the "Company") approved the restructuring of its business in Brazil, and has discontinued the production and marketing of the Forno De Minas and Frescarini brands in Brazil. The Company will close its Contagem, Brazil manufacturing facility. The Company's other product lines in Brazil are not affected by the decision. As a result of this decision, the Company anticipates incurring a pretax charge of approximately \$20 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, consisting primarily of \$13 million to write down assets to their net realizable value and \$6 million for accrued severance. The Company also anticipates incurring pretax costs of approximately \$5 million in fiscal 2010 from this action, primarily cash expenditures for decommissioning the plant.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

General Mills, Inc.

April 17, 2009

By: *Donal L. Mulligan*

Name: Donal L. Mulligan

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer