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Form 8-K November 12, 2004

> 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): November 11, 2004 (November 5, 2004)

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization)

1-4141

13-1890974 Identification No.)

Two Paragon Drive Montvale, New Jersey 07645 (Address of principal executive offices)

(201) 573-9700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) _____

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 5, 2004, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Confidential Separation and Release Agreement (the "Agreement") with William P. Costantini, the Company's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary relative to Mr. Costantini's resignation, effective December 31, 2004, from his positions with the Company. In addition to agreeing to meet their respective obligations under the existing employment agreement, the parties agreed, among other things, that Mr. Costantini's earned options would vest on his resignation date and be exercisable for three years thereafter and that Mr. Costantini would release the Company from any possible claims in connection with his employment and resignation.

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.

Dated: November 11, 2004

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Mitchell P. Goldstein

Name: Mitchell P. Goldstein

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer