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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 15, 2005

AMCON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE | 1-15589 | 47-0702918 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

7405 Irvington Road, Omaha, NE 68122

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(402) 331-3727

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

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NEWS RELEASE

AMCON PROVIDES UPDATE ON SALE OF NON-DISTRIBUTION BUSINESSES, BANK LOAN AGREEMENT AND TRINITY SPRINGS LITIGATION

Omaha, NE, December 21, 2005 AMCON Distributing Company (AMEX:DIT), an Omaha, NE based consumer products company, announced on October 21, 2005 that it had entered into a letter of intent ("LOI") with William F. Wright, its Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and largest stockholder, for the proposed acquisition of 80% of the outstanding common stock of The Healthy Edge, Inc. ("THE") which is currently a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of AMCON. The LOI contemplated that THE would own, at the time of closing of the proposed acquisition, 100% of the equity of Health Food Associates, Inc. (d/b/a Akin's Natural Food Market), Chamberlin's Natural Foods, Inc. (d/b/a Chamberlin's Market and Cafe), and Hawaiian Natural Water Company, Inc. ("HNWC"), as well as 85% of the equity of Trinity Springs, Inc. ("TSI"), each of which are currently direct or indirect subsidiaries of AMCON.

The LOI also contemplated that the closing for the purchase of THE stock would occur by December 12, 2005. This timing generally coincided with an amendment to the loan agreement for the Company's revolving credit facility with its bank lenders requiring the bottled water businesses of HNWC and TSI to be sold or liquidated by December 10, 2005. The bank lenders recently extended this date to December 31, 2005.

AMCON is continuing to negotiate the terms of the potential acquisition with Mr. Wright, who is one of the proposed investors in a limited liability company formed to effect such acquisition. These negotiations have been complicated by, among other things, a recent ruling by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho which recently granted the plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment declaring that the stockholders of Trinity Springs Ltd. (which subsequently changed its name to Crystal Paradise Holdings, Inc.) did not validly approve the sale of its business and assets to TSI, AMCON's subsidiary, because the vote of certain shares issued as a dividend should not have been counted. The District Court has not yet ruled on whether money damages or rescission of the sale transaction and related matters will be ordered as the relief in this action. AMCON and TSI have filed a motion seeking an order requiring the plaintiffs to show the details, terms and conditions of their proposed rescission remedy and the plaintiffs' ability, if any, to effectuate such a remedy. A rescission remedy would require the plaintiffs to restore the parties to their position prior to the asset transaction, including the return of the consideration paid by TSI in the transaction and subsequently invested in or loaned to TSI by AMCON and other affiliated parties.

AMCON's bank lenders will not allow additional funds to be invested in or loaned to TSI by AMCON or its other subsidiaries. The uncertainty created by the District Court's ruling make it unlikely that TSI will be able to raise additional capital, at least until either (i) the District Court issues the order referenced above and plaintiffs clarify their ability to effect rescission, or (ii) a negotiated settlement is reached with the plaintiffs and Crystal Paradise Holdings, Inc. If these events do not occur with sufficient lead time before TSI runs out of operating cash, TSI may be placed into Chapter 11 bankruptcy and may not be included as part of any sale transaction with the limited liability company in which Mr. Wright will be an investor.

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AMCON is a leading wholesale distributor of consumer products including beverages, candy, tobacco, groceries, food service, frozen and chilled foods, and health and beauty care products with distribution centers in Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Chamberlin's Natural Foods, Inc. and Health Food Associates, Inc., both wholly-owned subsidiaries of The Healthy Edge, Inc., operate health and natural product retail stores in central Florida (6), Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma (4). The retail stores operate under the names Chamberlin's Market & Cafe and Akin's Natural Foods Market. Hawaiian Natural Water Company, Inc. produces and sells natural spring water under the Hawaiian Springs label in Hawaii and other foreign markets and purified bottled water on the Island of Oahu in Hawaii. The natural spring water is bottled at the source on the Big Island of Hawaii. Trinity Springs, Inc. produces and sells geothermal bottled water and a natural mineral supplement under the Trinity label and recently introduced a vitamin enhanced beverage product under the Trinity Enhanced label. The water and mineral supplement are both bottled at the base of the Trinity Mountains in Paradise, Idaho, one of the world's deepest known sources. Trinity Springs also distributes Hawaiian Springs on the U.S. mainland.

This news release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties and which reflect management's current beliefs and estimates of future economic circumstances, industry conditions, Company performance and financial results. A number of factors could affect the future results of the Company and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the Company's forward-looking statements including, without limitation, availability of sufficient cash resources to conduct its business and meet its capital expenditures needs. Moreover, past financial performance should not be considered a reliable indicator of future performance. Accordingly, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to all such forward-looking statements.

Visit AMCON Distributing Company's web site at: www.amcon.com

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