
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): January 9, 2006

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-49916
(Commission File Number)

84-1573084
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6312 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Suite 200N
Greenwood Village, CO
(Address of principal executive offices)

80111
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 846-6000

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On January 11, 2006, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Annita M. Menogan has been appointed as the Company's vice president and general counsel. A copy of the press release issued January 11, 2006 by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Ms. Menogan, 51, was appointed to the position of Vice President and General Counsel of the Company effective as of January 9, 2006. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Menogan was most recently the vice president, secretary and deputy general counsel for Molson Coors Brewing Company in Denver and Montreal, Quebec. Prior to that, she served as a partner in the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney, a global firm based in Minneapolis, with expertise in mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate and securities practice. Ms. Menogan has held leadership positions with several Colorado legal and community organizations.

Ms. Menogan does not have any family relationships with any of the directors, executive officers, or any people nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or executive officer. Ms. Menogan is not a party to any transaction described in Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**(c) Exhibits**

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc., Press Release, dated January 11, 2006 |

SIGNATURE

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.

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

Date: January 11, 2006

By: /s/ Dennis B. Mullen
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

For Immediate Release**Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Announces Management Addition**

*Annita Menogan Joins Casual Dining Company
as Vice President and General Counsel*

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo., January 11, 2006— Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (Nasdaq: RRGB), the casual dining company that serves up fun, feel-good experiences by offering its guests an imaginative selection of high-quality gourmet burgers and innovative menu items in a family-friendly environment, today announced that Annita Menogan has been appointed Vice President and General Counsel. This is a new addition to Red Robin's management team.

"We are excited to welcome Annita to Red Robin and look forward to benefiting from her well-established credentials and experience in corporate law. Through a variety of leadership roles, Annita has honed the necessary skills to manage and enhance our legal team. As we continue to grow our concept nationwide, we are gratified to be adding such a qualified leader to our management team, and are confident Annita will be outstanding in her new role," said Dennis Mullen, Red Robin chairman and CEO.

Ms. Menogan has 22 years of experience in corporate law in the areas of general counsel, and securities and mergers and acquisitions both as in-house and outside counsel. She was most recently the vice president, secretary and deputy general counsel for Molson Coors Brewing Company in Denver and Montreal, Quebec. Prior to that, she served as a partner in the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney, a global firm based in Minneapolis, with expertise in mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate and securities practice. Ms. Menogan has held leadership positions with several Colorado legal and community organizations.

She holds a law degree from the University of Denver and a bachelor's of fine arts degree from the Academy of Art College in San Francisco.

About Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (Nasdaq: RRGB)

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers (www.redrobin.com) founded in 1969, is a casual dining restaurant chain focused on serving an imaginative selection of high quality gourmet burgers in a family-friendly atmosphere. Red Robin® restaurants serve gourmet burgers in a variety of recipes with bottomless fries, as well as many other items including salads, soups, appetizers, entrees, desserts, and its signature Mad Mixology® specialty beverages. There are more than 300 Red Robin® restaurant locations across the United States and Canada, which include both corporate-owned locations and those operating under franchise or license agreements.

Forward-Looking Statements

The references in this press release to our plan to grow the Red Robin concept nationwide and to the expected contributions of our new officers are forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this press release are based on information available to us on the date hereof and speak only as of the date hereof. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: the continued service of key management personnel; our ability to attract, motivate and retain qualified team members; and other risk factors described from time to time in SEC reports filed by Red Robin.

###