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Form 8-K

March 14, 2007

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

March 13, 2007  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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

Maryland 1-4141 13-1890974  
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) 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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to  
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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR  
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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)  
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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))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 13, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing that in connection with its recently-announced agreement to acquire Pathmark Stores, Inc., it has sold 6,350,000 shares of its holdings in Metro, Inc. for proceeds of approximately \$203.5 million. A copy of the March 13, 2007 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

| Exhibit No.<br>----- | Description<br>-----               |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1                 | Press Release dated March 13, 2007 |

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: March 13, 2007

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.

By:/s/ Allan Richards

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Allan Richards, Senior Vice President,  
Human Resources, Labor Relations,  
Legal Services & Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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EXHIBIT 99.1

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THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC. MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

MONTVALE, N.J. (March 13, 2007) -- The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc., Montvale, N.J. (A&P) (NYSE:GAP) said today that in connection with its recently-announced agreement to acquire Pathmark Stores, Inc., it has sold 6,350,000 shares of its holdings in Metro, Inc. (Montreal, Canada) for proceeds of approximately \$203.5 million. The Company continues to hold approximately 11.7 million Metro shares.

Founded in 1859, A&P is one of the nation's first supermarket chains. A&P operates 410 stores in nine states and the District of Columbia under the following trade names: A&P, Waldbaum's, The Food Emporium, Super Foodmart, Super Fresh, Farmer Jack, Sav-A-Center and Food Basics. Additional information about A&P may be found at its web site, [www.aptea.com](http://www.aptea.com).

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