

COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO

Form 8-K

February 02, 2012

**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):

February 2, 2012

**COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)  
**14375 Northwest Science Park Drive**

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

**Portland, Oregon 97229**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(503) 985-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**No Change**

(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)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On February 2, 2012, Columbia Sportswear Company (the Company) issued a press release reporting its fourth quarter and full year 2011 financial results and preliminary outlook for 2012. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this report shall not be treated as filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein is financial information and commentary by Thomas B. Cusick, Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Columbia Sportswear Company, for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011 and forward-looking statements relating to 2012 as posted on the company's investor website, <http://investor.columbia.com>, on February 2, 2012. The information in this report shall not be treated as filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

In its February 2, 2012 press release, the Company also announced that its board of directors approved a dividend of \$0.22 per share of common stock to be paid on March 8, 2012 to its shareholders of record on February 23, 2012.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 2, 2012 (furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 hereof).

99.2 Commentary by Thomas B. Cusick, Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Columbia Sportswear Company dated February 2, 2012 (furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 hereof).

**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.

**COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY**

Dated: February 2, 2012

By: /s/ Thomas B. Cusick  
Thomas B. Cusick  
Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial  
Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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