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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

RETAIL VENTURES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 20-0090238

(State of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3241 Westerville Road Columbus, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

43224

(zip code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box. b

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box. o

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-134225

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Mandatorily Exchangeable Notes Due 2011 Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

New York Stock Exchange

(Title of Class)

None

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registered.

Retail Ventures, Inc. is registering its Mandatorily Exchangeable Notes Due 2011 (the PIES), pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-134225), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2006 (as subsequently amended, the Registration Statement). The description of the PIES, to be registered hereunder, is set forth in the section entitled. Description of the PIES in the prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement, including any prospectus relating thereto filed subsequently pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Any such prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act is hereby deemed to be incorporated by reference into this registration statement in accordance with the Instruction to Item 1 of this form.

Item 2. Exhibits

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to Form 8-K (file No. 1-10767) filed on October 8, 2003)
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Code of Regulations (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(b) to Form 8-K (file No. 1-10767) filed on October 8, 2003)
- 4.1 Form of Mandatorily Exchangeable Notes Due 2011 (when filed, will be incorporated herein by reference, as included in Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-134225))
- 4.2 Form of Indenture between Retail Ventures, Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc., to be dated as of the closing date (when filed, will be incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-134225))
- 4.3 Form of Collateral Agreement among Retail Ventures, Inc. and HSBC Bank USA, National Association, to be dated as of the closing date (when filed, will be incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-134225))
- 4.4 Exchange Agreement, dated July 5, 2005, between Retail Ventures, Inc. and DSW Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 on Form 8-K (File No. 1-10767) filed on July 11, 2005)
- 4.5 Form of Exchange Request by Retail Ventures, Inc. to DSW Inc. (when filed, will be incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-134225))

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

RETAIL VENTURES, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ James A. McGrady

Date: July 14, 2006 Name: James A. McGrady

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,

Treasurer and Secretary

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