
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)**

January 30, 2012

ASTRO-MED, INC

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-13200

RHODE ISLAND

**(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)**

05-0318215

(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(401-828-4000)

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 31, 2012, Astro-Med, Inc. (the "Registrant") announced the divestiture of its label manufacturing operations in Asheboro, North Carolina. The sale was made to the original owners of Label Line, Ltd. A copy of the Registrant's press release regarding the foregoing is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated January 31, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASTRO-MED, INC.

Date: January 31, 2012

By: /s/ Joseph P. O'Connell
Joseph P. O'Connell
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief
Financial Officer

PRESS RELEASE

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West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893 USA**

For Immediate Release

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January 31, 2012

Astro-Med, Inc. Divests North Carolina Label Operations

WEST WARWICK, RI – January 31, 2012-- Astro-Med, Inc. (NASDAQ:ALOT) announced today the divestiture of its label manufacturing operations in Asheboro, North Carolina. The sale was made to the original owners of Label Line, Ltd.

Commenting on the sale, Everett V. Pizzuti, CEO, stated, “the primary business of that facility, producing labels for distributors, was not fully compatible with the business of our QuickLabel Systems Product Group, which produces labels primarily for sale to end user customers who own QuickLabel color printers. Although the divestiture will result in approximately \$3 million less in annual revenues in the new fiscal year, the effect on Astro-Med’s profitability and cash flow will be positive with annual savings of approximately \$400,000.

“As Astro-Med has expanded its label manufacturing capacity over the past three years in Montreal, Canada; Frankfurt, Germany; and West Warwick, R.I., the sale of the Asheboro plant will have little effect on the company’s capabilities to supply labels to our growing base of color label printer customers.”

About Astro-Med, Inc.

Astro-Med, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of specialty high tech printing systems, electronic medical instrumentation, and test and measurement data acquisition systems. Astro-Med, Inc. products are sold under the brand names Astro-Med®, Grass® Technologies, and QuickLabel® Systems, and are employed around the world in a wide range of aerospace, medical, military, industrial, and packaging applications. Astro-Med, Inc. is a member of the Russell Microcap® Index. Additional information is available by visiting www.Astro-MedInc.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements, and actual results may vary from those expressed or implied herein. Factors that could affect these results include those mentioned in Astro-Med’s FY2011 Annual Report and its annual and quarterly filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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