

TEXTRON INC

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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): May 13, 2008

TEXTRON INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of
Incorporation)

I-5480
(Commission File Number)

05-0315468
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

40 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 421-2800

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On May 13, 2008, Textron Financial Corporation's ("Textron Financial") affiliate, Textron Financial Floorplan Master Note Trust (the "Trust"), issued variable funding notes in an amount of up to \$418.995 million (the "Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes") pursuant to its dealer floorplan securitization program (the "Floorplan Securitization Program"). Textron Financial is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Inc. The Class A Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Note is held by Société Générale ("SG"), as managing agent for certain commercial paper conduits administered by SG, and provides for a commitment thereunder of \$375 million. The Class A Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Note has an interest rate equal to the commercial paper costs of the conduit purchasers plus monthly fees. The subordinated Class B Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Note is held by Textron Receivables Corporation III ("TRC III"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Financial. The Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes were fully funded at closing and principal amounts may be repaid and incremental fundings may be made from time to time thereunder subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions precedent. The scheduled termination date for the Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes is in May 2009.

The Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes and all other series of notes previously issued by the Trust and outstanding are all secured primarily by a revolving pool of dealer floorplan receivables originated from time to time by Textron Financial and sold to TRC III. TRC III further conveys such receivables to the Trust. Textron Financial will remain as servicer of the receivables. As owner of the Trust, TRC III retains a residual interest in the assets of the Trust.

In connection with the issuance of the Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes, Textron Financial and the Trust entered into a Series 2008-CP-2 Supplement to the Amended and Restated Indenture, by and among the Trust, The Bank of New York, as indenture trustee, and Textron Financial, as servicer, pursuant to which the Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes were issued and collections, defaults and other amounts in respect of the receivables are allocated to the Series 2008-CP-2 Variable Funding Notes (the "Agreement"). The summary of the Agreement set forth in this Item 1.01 is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Agreement which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Pursuant to the Floorplan Securitization Program documents, Textron Financial, TRC III and the Trust have made representations and warranties regarding the receivables as well as their businesses and properties and are required to comply with various covenants, servicing procedures, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar securitized facilities. The Floorplan Securitization Program documents also include usual and customary early amortization events and events of default for securitized facilities of this nature. The sale of receivables under the Floorplan Securitization Program is an off-balance sheet arrangement.

In addition, on May 13, 2008, the Trust entered into an amendment to the Series 2008-CP-1 Supplement to the Amended and Restated Indenture (the "Amendment"), by and among the Trust, The Bank of New York, as indenture trustee, and Textron Financial, as servicer, to make certain technical amendments related to the allocation of certain collections and the calculation of certain amounts in respect of the Series 2008-CP-1 Variable Funding Notes previously issued by the Trust. The summary of the Amendment set forth in this Item 1.01 is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Amendment which is filed as Exhibit 4.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

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| 4.1 | Series 2008-CP-2 Supplement, dated as of May 13, 2008, to the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated as of May 26, 2005, by and among Textron Financial Floorplan Master Note Trust, The Bank of New York, as indenture trustee, and Textron Financial, as servicer. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Textron Financial's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 16, 2008. |
| 4.2 | Amendment No. 1, dated as of May 13, 2008, to Series 2008-CP-1 Supplement, dated as of March 20, 2008, to the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated as of May 26, 2005, by and among Textron Financial Floorplan Master Note Trust, The Bank of New York, as indenture trustee, and Textron Financial, as servicer. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Textron Financial's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 16, 2008. |

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.

TEXTRON INC.
(Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2008

By: /s/Mary F. Lovejoy
Mary F. Lovejoy
Vice President and Treasurer