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COCA COLA BOTTLING CO CONSOLIDATED /DE/ Form 8-K December 21, 2006

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):

December 18, 2006

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> <u>0-9286</u> <u>56-0950585</u>

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4100 Coca-Cola Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(704) 557-4400

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On December 18, 2006, CCBCC Operations, LLC (CCBCC Operations), a wholly owned-subsidiary of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated (the Company), entered into a Lease Agreement (the Lease Agreement) with Beacon Investment Corporation (the Landlord) pursuant to which CCBCC Operations will continue to lease the corporate office buildings (the Corporate Facilities) currently leased by the Company. Beacon Investment Corporation is wholly-owned by J. Frank Harrison, III, the Company s Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. The Company has occupied the first corporate office building since 1985 and the second adjacent office building since 1999, and has most recently been occupying the Corporate Facilities pursuant to a lease agreement with the Landlord that was entered into on January 5, 1999.

Pursuant to the Lease Agreement, CCBCC Operations will lease the Corporate Facilities for a fifteen-year term beginning January 1, 2007 and extending through December 31, 2021. The base rent under the Lease Agreement will be approximately \$4.04 million per annum subject to adjustment based upon increases in the Consumer Price Index with an annual cap of 5%. CCBCC Operations will receive a rental credit of \$450,000 per annum (subject to annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index with an annual cap of 5%) with respect to certain services and obligations (*e.g.*, related to security, janitorial and electrical services) to be provided and assumed by it in connection with the Lease Agreement. After giving effect to such rental credit, the net base rent under the Lease Agreement will initially be approximately \$3.59 million per annum.

The Lease Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby were approved and recommended to the Company s Board of Directors by a Special Committee of the Board of Directors that was formed to consider purchase, lease and other alternatives available to the Company in connection with the December 31, 2008 expiration of the current lease with the Landlord relating to the Corporate Facilities. The Lease Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby were also approved by the Audit Committee of the Company s Board of Directors.

The foregoing summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Lease Agreement attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Exhibit Description

10.1 Lease Agreement dated December 18, 2006 between CCBCC Operations, LLC and Beacon Investment Corporation.

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SIGNATURE

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.

 $\frac{\text{COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.}}{\text{CONSOLIDATED}}$

(REGISTRANT)

Date: December 21, 2006 By: /s/ Steven D. Westphal

Steven D. Westphal
Principal Financial Officer of the
Registrant
and
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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