

**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 7, 2021**

ACME UNITED CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

1 Waterview Drive, Shelton, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

001-07698

(Commission file number)

06-0236700

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

06484

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 254-6060**

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value per share	ACU	NYSE American

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 7, 2021, Acme United Corporation issued a press release announcing that it entered a new mortgage agreement with HSBC Bank NA covering its properties in Vancouver, Washington and Rocky Mount, North Carolina. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated December 7, 2021.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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.

ACME UNITED CORPORATION

By /s/ WALTER C. JOHNSEN
 Walter C. Johnsen
 Chairman and
 Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 7, 2021

By /s/ PAUL G. DRISCOLL
 Paul G. Driscoll
 Vice President and
 Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 7, 2021

ACME UNITED CORPORATION**NEWS RELEASE**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 7, 2021**Acme United Enters \$11.6 Million Fixed Rate Mortgage Facility**

SHELTON, CONN. – December 7, 2021 – Acme United Corporation (NYSE American: ACU) announced that it has entered a new mortgage agreement with HSBC Bank NA covering its properties in Vancouver, Washington and Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The new mortgage is \$11.6 Million with a fixed rate of 3.8%. The term is 7 years with a 20-year amortization. Approximately \$3.0 million of the new mortgage was used to pay the existing mortgage on the Vancouver property.

Walter Johnsen, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Acme United, said “During this time of increasing inflation, we are pleased to fix the interest rate on \$11.6 million of our capitalization. The new facility also increases our debt capacity to fund growth and potential acquisitions by \$8.6 million.”

Mr. Johnsen concluded, “We would like to thank HSBC for its help and support.”

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Forward-looking statements in this report, including without limitation, statements related to the Company’s plans, strategies, objectives, expectations, intentions and adequacy of resources, are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties including the impact that the global COVID-19 pandemic has had and will

continue to have on the Company's business, operations and financial results. These include the extent of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the duration, spread, severity, and any recurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic including through existing and any new variant strains of the underlying virus; the continuing effectiveness, global availability, and public acceptance of vaccines; the duration and scope of pandemic-related government orders and restrictions on commercial and other activities, including retail store, office, school and restaurant closures; the duration and scope of the Company's actions to maintain employee health at our offices, production facilities and distribution centers; the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on overall demand for the Company's products; the pace and strength of economic recovery and the heightened impact the pandemic has on many of the risks described herein, including, without limitation, risks relating to the on-going world-wide economic turbulence, and potential disruptions in our supply chain, any of which could adversely impact the Company's ability to manufacture, source or distribute its products, both domestically and internationally.

These risks and uncertainties further include, without limitation, the following: (i) changes in the Company's plans, strategies, objectives, expectations and intentions, which may be made at any time at the discretion of the Company; (ii) the impact of uncertainties in global economic conditions, whether caused by COVID-19 or otherwise, including the impact on the Company's suppliers and customers; (iii) the potential disruptions in the Company's supply chains, whether caused by COVID-19 or otherwise; (iv) changes in client needs and consumer spending habits, including COVID-19 related changes; (v) the impact of competition; (vi) the impact of technological changes including, specifically, the growth of online marketing and sales activity; (vii) the Company's ability to manage its growth effectively, including its ability to successfully integrate any business it might acquire; (viii) the Company's ability to effectively manage its inventory in a rapidly changing business environment, including additional inventory acquired to respond to COVID-19 related uncertainties; (ix) the impact of any increases in inflation; (x) currency fluctuations; (xi) international trade policies and their impact on demand for our products and our competitive position, including the imposition of new tariffs or changes in existing tariff rates; and (xii) other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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