
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): **November 14, 2019**

ACME UNITED CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

001-07698
(Commission file number)

06-0236700
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

55 Walls Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut
(Address of principal executive offices)

06824
(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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

On November 14, 2019 Acme United Corporation, issued a press release announcing the approval by its Board of Directors of a stock repurchase program. The press release is furnished as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated November 14, 2019.

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: November 14, 2019

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

Dated: November 14, 2019

ACME UNITED CORPORATION

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 14, 2019

ACME UNITED CORPORATION BOARD APPROVES NEW STOCK BUYBACK PROGRAM

FAIRFIELD, CONN. – November 14, 2019 – Acme United Corporation (NYSE American: ACU) announced today that its Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program of up to 200,000 of its outstanding common stock. The Company may also repurchase up to 17,999 shares under a repurchase program announced on November 22, 2010.

Walter C. Johnsen, Chairman and CEO, said, “Acme United has generated over \$14 million in free cash flow during the twelve months ended September 30, 2019. We are generating strong earnings and have been continuing to reduce our debt. Our goal is to be positioned for growth and acquisition opportunities as well as for appropriate stock repurchases and quarterly dividends.”

The Company’s repurchases may be affected from time to time through solicited or unsolicited transactions in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The program does not have an expiration date or a limit on the maximum dollar value that may be spent on repurchases. The purchases will be made at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate, based on price, general market conditions and other factors. This program may be discontinued at any time and will be conducted in accordance with SEC regulations and other legal requirements.

There were 3,352,130 shares outstanding as of November 13, 2019.

ACME UNITED CORPORATION is a leading worldwide supplier of innovative safety solutions and cutting technology to the school, home, office, hardware, sporting goods and industrial markets. Its leading brands include First Aid Only®, PhysiciansCare®, Pac-Kit®, Spill Magic®, Westcott®, Clauss®, Camillus®, Cuda®, and DMT®. For more information, visit www.acmeunited.com.

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, 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, including the impact on the Company's suppliers and customers; (iii) changes in client needs and consumer spending habits; (iv) the impact of competition and technological changes on the Company; (v) the Company's ability to manage its growth effectively, including its ability to successfully integrate any business it might acquire; (vi) currency fluctuations; (vii) increases in the cost of borrowings resulting from rising interest rates; (viii) 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 (ix) other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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