

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): June 1, 2022

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)
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- 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 8.01. Other Events.

On June 1, 2022, Acme United Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has acquired the assets of Live Safely Products, LLC. (d/b/a “Safety Made”), a leading manufacturer of first aid kits for the promotional products industry. 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 June 1, 2022.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

ACME UNITED CORPORATION**NEWS RELEASE**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 1, 2022

ACME UNITED CORPORATION ACQUIRES THE ASSETS OF

SAFETY MADE

SHELTON, CONN. – June 1, 2022 – Acme United Corporation (NYSE American: ACU) today announced that it has acquired the assets of Live Safely Products, LLC. (d/b/a “Safety Made”), a leading manufacturer of first aid kits for the promotional products industry.

Safety Made had revenues in 2021 of approximately \$4.9 million and EBITDA of approximately \$1.2 million. The purchase price was not disclosed. The acquisition is expected to be accretive immediately. The company is located in Keene, New Hampshire and employs 24 people.

Walter C. Johnsen, Chairman and CEO, said, “We believe the acquisition of Safety Made provides a platform to expand sales of personalized products to many of Acme United’s domestic and global customers. Although its primary business today is in first aid, we see opportunities in all our product ranges.

Mr. Johnsen said that he is excited that the founders and management of Safety Made will be joining Acme United. He also looks forward to welcoming all the employees to the Company and building the business in Keene, NH.

Further information on Safety Made is available at its website www.safetymade.com.

About Acme United

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®, First Aid Central®, PhysiciansCare®, Pac-Kit®, Spill Magic®, Westcott®, Clauss®, Camillus®, Cuda®, DMT®, and Med-Nap. For more information, visit www.acmeunited.com.

Forward Looking Statements

The Company may from time to time make written or oral “forward-looking statements” including statements contained in this report and in other communications by the Company, which are made in good faith pursuant to the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on our beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. When used in this document, words like “may,” “might,” “will,” “except,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “potential,” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from our current expectations.

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 that may impact the Company’s business, operations and financial results, including those risks and uncertainties resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, future waves of COVID-19, including through the Delta and Omicron variants and any new variant strains of the underlying virus; any future pandemics; the continuing effectiveness, global availability, and public acceptance of existing vaccines; the effectiveness, availability, and public acceptance of vaccines against variant strains of potential new viruses; and the heightened impact the pandemic has on many of the risks described herein, including, without limitation, risks relating to disruptions in our supply chain, and labor shortages, any of which could materially 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) additional disruptions in the Company's supply chains, whether caused by COVID-19 or otherwise; (iv) labor shortages and related costs the Company has and may continue to incur, including costs of acquiring and training new employees and rising wages and benefits; (v) the continuing adverse impact of cost inflation; (vi) the Company's ability to effectively manage its inventory in a rapidly changing business environment, including the additional inventory the Company acquired in anticipation of supply chain disruptions and uncertainties; (vii) changes in client needs and consumer spending habits; (viii) the impact of competition; (ix) the impact of technological changes including, specifically, the growth of online marketing and sales activity; (x) the Company's ability to manage its growth effectively, including its ability to successfully integrate any business it might acquire; (xi) currency fluctuations; (xii) 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 (xiii) other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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