UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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 20, 2012

National Beverage Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-14170

(Commission File Number)

8100 SW Tenth Street, Suite 4000

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(954) 581-0922

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

59-2605822 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(Zip Code)

33324

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 20, 2012, National Beverage Corp. announced that it had chosen December 27, 2012 as the payment date of the previously announced special cash dividend of \$2.55 per share. This press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated December 20, 2012.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

National Beverage Corp. (Registrant)

Date: December 21, 2012

By: /s/ George R. Bracken

George R. Bracken Executive Vice President - Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated December 20, 2012





NASDAQ: FIZZ For Immediate Release Contact: Office of the Chairman, Grace Keene

National Beverage Selects Dec. 27 Payment Date For Special Cash Dividend

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, December 20, 2012 . . . National Beverage Corp. (NASDAQ: FIZZ) has chosen the payment date of December 27, 2012 for the previously announced special cash dividend. The Company is paying \$2.55 per share to holders of record as of December 7, 2012.

"Our Board is comprised of good men, whose wealth of experience as businessmen and citizens of this great America . . . considered our Team, our suppliers, our friends and our shareholders – with the selection of this payment date," stated Nick A. Caporella, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

"Each and every one that is blessed to be a part of this nation AMERICA – should make a supreme effort this Giving Season to perfect the joy of giving. Care enough to encourage with . . . Genuine Kindness – wrap it with a smile and plenty of Courage – and make the ribbons out of Love!" expressed Caporella.

"We, fortunate enough to be called Americans, must profoundly engage to 'lighten' her heart – 'ignite' her torch – and 'soothe' her soul, giving evil and stress . . . the final eviction notice! That should be our ultimate gift of choice this Christmas and forever – All of Us!" concluded Caporella.

National Beverage's iconic brands are the genuine essence . . . of America. Our company is highly innovative as a pace-setter in the changing soft-drink industry, featuring refreshment products that are geared toward the lifestyle/health-conscious consumer. St. Nick's® – Shasta® – Faygo® – Everfresh® and LaCroix® are aligned with Rip It® energy products to make National Beverage . . . America's Flavor•Favorite – soft-drink company.

"Patriotism" – If Only We Could Bottle It!

Fun, Flavor and Vitality ... the National Beverage Way

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forwardlooking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include fluctuations in costs, changes in consumer preferences and other items and risk factors described in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings and the Company disclaims an obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments.



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