

HD Supply Holdings, Inc.  
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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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### HD Supply Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**26-0486780**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**3100 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 1480**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30339**

**(770) 852-9000**

(Address, including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, including Area Code of Registrant's Principal Executive Office)

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**HDS INVESTMENT HOLDING, INC. STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

**HD SUPPLY HOLDINGS, INC. 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN**

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**HD SUPPLY HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**  
(Full title of the plan)

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**Ricardo J. Nunez, Esq.**

**Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**

**HD Supply Holdings, Inc.**

**3100 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 1480**

**Atlanta, Georgia 30339**

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(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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**With copies to:**

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Name of Plan	Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share		Proposed maximum aggregate offering price		Amount of registration fee	
HDS Investment Holding, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	14,818,000	\$	13.00 (2)	\$	192,634,000	\$	26,275.28
HD Supply Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	2,000,000	\$	18.00 (3)	\$	36,000,000	\$	4,910.40
HD Supply Holding, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12,500,000	\$	18.00 (3)	\$	225,000,000	\$	30,690.00

(1) The number of shares being registered represents the shares underlying option awards outstanding under the HDS Investment Holding, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, and shares reserved for issuance pursuant to future awards under the HD Supply Holdings, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan and the HD Supply Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's Common Stock that became issuable under the applicable plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction.

(2) Computed pursuant to Rule 457(h) solely for purpose of determining the registration fee, based upon an assumed price of \$13 per share of Common Stock, which is the weighted average exercise price of the outstanding option awards under the HDS Investment Holding, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan.

(3) Computed pursuant to Rule 457(h) solely for purpose of determining the registration fee, based upon an assumed price of \$18 per share of Common Stock, which is the initial public offering price.

**Part I**

**Information Required in the Section 10(a) Prospectus**

All information required by Part I to be contained in the prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

**Part II**

**Information Required in the Registration Statement**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.**

The following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) by HD Supply Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) are incorporated herein by reference:

(1) the Company's prospectus filed with the Commission on June 28, 2013 pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, relating to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-187872);

(2) the description of the Company's Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-35979) filed on June 21, 2013.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicate that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregister all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing of such documents.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

*Delaware General Corporation Law*

The Company is incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware.

Section 145(a) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145(c) of the DGCL provides that to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 of the DGCL, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Section 145(e) of the DGCL provides that expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by an officer or director of the corporation in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in Section 145 of the DGCL. Such expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by former directors and officers or other persons serving at the request of the corporation as

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directors, officers, employees or agents of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the corporation deems appropriate.

Section 145(g) of the DGCL specifically allows a Delaware corporation to purchase liability insurance on behalf of its directors and officers and to insure against potential liability of such directors and officers regardless of whether the corporation would have the power to indemnify such directors and officers under Section 145 of the DGCL.

The Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains provisions permitted under Delaware General Corporation Law relating to the liability of directors. These

provisions eliminate a director's personal liability to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL for monetary damages resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty, except in circumstances involving:

- any breach of the director's duty of loyalty;
- acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law;
- under Section 174 of the DGCL (unlawful dividends); or
- any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

The principal effect of the limitation on liability provision is that a stockholder is unable to prosecute an action for monetary damages against a director unless the stockholder can demonstrate a basis for liability for which indemnification is not available under the DGCL. These provisions, however, should not limit or eliminate the Company's rights or any stockholder's rights to seek non-monetary relief, such as an injunction or rescission, in the event of a breach of director's fiduciary duty. These provisions do not alter a director's liability under federal securities laws. The inclusion of this provision in the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for a breach of their fiduciary duties, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited the Company and its stockholders.

The amended and restated by-laws require the Company to indemnify and advance expenses to its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL and other applicable law, except in certain cases of a proceeding instituted by the director or officer without the approval of our Board. The amended and restated by-laws provide that the Company is required to indemnify its directors and executive officers, to the fullest extent permitted by law, for all judgments, fines, settlements, legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with pending or threatened legal proceedings because of the director's or officer's positions with the Company or another entity that the director or officer serves at our request, subject to various conditions, and to advance funds to the directors and officers to enable them to defend against such proceedings.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a Delaware corporation to include a provision in its certificate of incorporation eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. This provision, however, may not eliminate or limit a director's liability (1) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains such a provision.

The Board of Directors of the Company has approved a form of indemnification agreement with respect to the directors and intends to enter into such form of indemnification agreement with each of its directors. The form of indemnification agreement provides the directors with contractual rights to the indemnification and expense advancement rights provided under the Company's amended and restated by-laws, as well as contractual rights to additional indemnification as provided in the indemnification agreement.

The Company has obtained directors and officers liability insurance which insures against certain liabilities that its directors and officers and its subsidiaries, may, in such capacities, incur.



**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

The Exhibits accompanying this Registration Statement are listed on the accompanying Exhibit Index.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

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(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Atlanta, Georgia on July 2, 2013.

HD SUPPLY HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

/s/ Ricardo J. Nunez  
 Ricardo J. Nunez, Esq.  
 Senior Vice President, General  
 Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Joseph J. DeAngelo Joseph J. DeAngelo	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 2, 2013
/s/ Ronald J. Domanico Ronald J. Domanico	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	July 2, 2013
/s/ Evan Levitt Evan Levitt	Controller and Assistant Treasurer (Principal Accounting Officer)	July 2, 2013
* James G. Berges	Director	July 2, 2013
* Charles W. Peffer	Director	July 2, 2013

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* Brian A. Bernasek	Director	July 2, 2013
* Paul Edgerley	Director	July 2, 2013
* Mitchell Jacobson	Director	July 2, 2013
* Lew Klessel	Director	July 2, 2013
* Gregory S. Ledford	Director	July 2, 2013
* Nathan K. Sleeper	Director	July 2, 2013
* Stephen M. Zide	Director	July 2, 2013

\* By: /s/ Ricardo J. Nunez  
Ricardo J. Nunez, Esq.  
Attorney in Fact

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8**

**Exhibits**

- 3.1 Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of HD Supply Holdings, Inc.
- 3.2 Third Amended and Restated By-laws of HD Supply Holdings, Inc.
- 5.1 Opinion of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney.
- 99.1 HDS Investment Holding, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (No. 333-187872) (the S-1 Registration Statement).
- 99.2 HD Supply Holdings, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.49 to the S-1 Registration Statement.
- 99.3 HD Supply Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.51 to the S-1 Registration Statement.