

CLST HOLDINGS, INC.  
Form 8-A12G  
February 13, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8 A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**CLST Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**75-2479727**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**17304 Preston Road  
Suite 420  
Dallas, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**75252**  
(Zip Code)

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

**Title of each class  
to be so registered**  
None

**Name of each exchange on which each  
class is to be so registered**  
None

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.  X

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Preferred Stock Purchase Rights.

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## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

On February 5, 2009, CLST Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the *Company*), adopted a rights plan and declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right for each outstanding share of common stock of the Company. The dividend is payable to our stockholders of record as of February 16, 2009. The terms of the rights and the rights plan are set forth in a Rights Agreement, by and between the Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent, dated as of February 13, 2009 (the *Rights Plan*).

This summary of rights provides only a general description of the Rights Plan, and thus, should be read together with the entire Rights Plan, which has been filed as an exhibit to this registration statement on Form 8-A, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company adopted the Rights Plan in an effort to protect stockholder value by attempting to protect against a possible limitation on our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards (the *NOLs*) to reduce potential future federal income tax obligations. We have experienced and continue to experience substantial operating losses, and under the Internal Revenue Code and rules promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, we may carry forward these losses in certain circumstances to offset any current and future earnings and thus reduce our federal income tax liability, subject to certain requirements and restrictions. To the extent that the NOLs do not otherwise become limited, we believe that we will be able to carry forward a significant amount of NOLs, and therefore these NOLs could be a substantial asset to us. However, if we experience an Ownership Change, as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, our ability to use the NOLs will be substantially limited, and the timing of the usage of the NOLs could be substantially delayed, which could therefore significantly impair the value of that asset.

The Rights Plan is intended to act as a deterrent to any person or group acquiring 4.9% or more of our outstanding common stock (an *Acquiring Person*) without our approval. Stockholders who own 4.9% or more of our outstanding common stock as of the close of business on February 16, 2009 will not trigger the Rights Plan so long as they do not (i) acquire any additional shares of common stock or (ii) fall under 4.9% ownership of common stock and then re-acquire 4.9% or more of the common stock. The Rights Plan does not exempt any future acquisitions of common stock by such persons. Any rights held by an Acquiring Person are null and void and may not be exercised. The Company may, in its sole discretion, exempt any person or group from being deemed an Acquiring Person for purposes of the Rights Plan.

*The Rights.* The Company authorized the issuance of one right per each outstanding share of our common stock payable to our stockholders of record as of February 16, 2008. Subject to the terms, provisions and conditions of the Rights Plan, if the rights become exercisable, each right would initially represent the right to purchase from us one ten-thousandth of a share of our Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock (*Series B Preferred Stock*) for a purchase price of \$6.01 (the *Purchase Price*). If issued, each fractional share of Series B Junior Preferred Stock would give the stockholder approximately the same dividend, voting and liquidation rights as does one share of our common stock. However, prior to exercise, a right does not give its holder any rights as a stockholder of the Company, including without limitation any dividend, voting or liquidation rights.

*Series B Preferred Stock Provisions.* Each one ten-thousandth of a share of Series B Preferred Stock, if issued: (1) will not

be redeemable; (2) will entitle holders to quarterly dividend payments of \$0.01 per one ten-thousandth of a share of Series B Preferred Stock, or an amount equal to the dividend paid on one share of common stock, whichever is greater; (3) will entitle holders upon liquidation either to receive \$1.00 per one ten-thousandth of a share of Series B Preferred Stock or an amount equal to the payment made on one share of common stock, whichever is greater; (4) will have the same voting power as one share of common stock; and (5) if shares of our common stock are exchanged via merger, consolidation, or a similar transaction, will entitle holders to a per share payment equal to the payment made on one share of common stock. The value of one one-hundredth interest in a Preferred Share should approximate the value of one share of common stock.

*Exercisability.* The rights will not be exercisable until the earlier of (i) 10 business days after a public announcement by us that a person or group has become an Acquiring Person and (ii) 10 business days after the commencement of a tender or exchange offer by a person or group for 4.9% of the common stock.

We refer to the date that the rights become exercisable as the ***Distribution Date***. Until the Distribution Date, our common stock certificates will evidence the rights and will contain a notation to that effect. Any transfer of shares of common stock prior to the Distribution Date will constitute a transfer of the associated rights. After the Distribution Date, the rights may be transferred other than in connection with the transfer of the underlying shares of common stock.

After the Distribution Date, each holder of a right, other than rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person (which will thereupon become void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a right and payment of the Purchase Price, that number of shares of common stock having a market value at the time of exercise of two times the Purchase Price.

*Exchange.* After the Distribution Date, we may exchange the rights (other than rights owned by an Acquiring Person, which will have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock, or a fractional share of Series B Junior Preferred Stock (or of a share of a similar class or series of the Company's preferred stock having similar rights, preferences and privileges) of equivalent value, per right (subject to adjustment).

*Expiration.* The rights and the Rights Plan will expire on the earliest of (i) February 13, 2019, (ii) the time at which the rights are redeemed pursuant to the Rights Agreement, (iii) the time at which the rights are exchanged pursuant to the Rights Agreement, (iv) the repeal of Section 382 of the Code or any successor statute if we determine that the Rights Agreement is no longer necessary for the preservation of NOLs and (v) the beginning of a taxable year of the Company to which we determine that no NOLs may be carried forward.

*Redemption.* At any time prior to the time an Acquiring Person becomes such, we may redeem the rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per right (the ***Redemption Price***). The redemption of the rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as we in our sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the rights, the right to exercise the rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

*Anti Dilution Provisions.* We may adjust the purchase price of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock, the number of shares Series B Junior Preferred Stock issuable and the number of outstanding rights to prevent dilution that may occur as a result of certain events, including among others, a stock dividend, a stock split or a reclassification of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock or our common stock. No adjustments to the purchase price of less than 1% will be made.

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*Amendments.* Before the Distribution Date, we may amend or supplement the Rights Plan without the consent of the holders of the rights. After the Distribution Date, we may amend or supplement the rights Plan only to cure an ambiguity, to alter time period provisions, to correct inconsistent provisions, or to make any additional changes to the Rights Plan, but only to the extent that those changes do not impair or adversely affect any rights holder.

The rights have certain anti-takeover effects. The rights will cause substantial dilution to a person or group who attempts to acquire the Company on terms not approved by us. The rights should not interfere with any merger or other business combination approved by us since we may redeem the rights at \$0.01 per right at any time until the date on which a person or group has become an Acquiring Person.

A copy of the Rights Agreement is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Form 8 A. The foregoing summary description of the Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

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Rights Agreement, dated as of February 13, 2009, by and between CLST Holdings, Inc. and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent, which includes the Form of Certificate of Designation as Exhibit A, Form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights as Exhibit C.

SIGNATURE

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.

CLST HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

/s/ Robert A. Kaiser  
Robert A. Kaiser  
President, Chief Executive Officer,  
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Assistant Secretary

February 13, 2009