SPARTAN STORES INC Form S-8 POS November 18, 2003

Registration No. 33-47442

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SPARTAN STORES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Michigan

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

38-0593940

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

850 76th Street Grand Rapids, Michigan

49518

(Zip Code)

SPARTAN STORES, INC. 1991 STOCK BONUS PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

Craig C. Sturken
President and Chief Executive Officer
Spartan Stores, Inc.
850 76th Street
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518

Copies to:

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(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

(616) 878-2000

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

REMOVAL OF SECURITIES FROM REGISTRATION

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The Registrant hereby amends Registration Statement No. 33-47442 on Form S-8 to remove from registration 372,373 shares of Spartan Stores, Inc. Common Stock, no par value (the "Deregistered Shares"). Registration Statement No. 33-47442 on Form S-8 originally registered 25,000 shares of Spartan Stores, Inc. Class A Common Stock, \$2 par value; however, the Registrant's Common Stock underwent a two-for-one stock split paid on June 22, 1992 and a ten-for-one stock split paid on July 15, 1997. Also, as discussed in Registration Statement No. 333-37050 on Form S-4 (discussing the merger with Seaway Food Town, Inc.), each share of Spartan Stores, Inc. Class A Common Stock, \$2 par value, was converted into 1.336 shares of Spartan Stores, Inc. Common Stock, no par value, upon the effective time of the merger. The Registrant registered the Deregistered Shares for purposes of the employee benefit plan described in the Registration Statement, but only 295,627 shares (as adjusted for the stock splits and the stock dividend discussed above) were issued pursuant to that plan.

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 the City of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, on this 12th day of November 2003.

SPARTAN STORES, INC. (Registrant)

By /s/ Craig C. Sturken

Craig C. Sturken
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Form S-8 Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

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November 12, 2003	*/s/ M. Shan Atkins
	M. Shan Atkins Director
November 12, 2003	*/s/ Dr. Frank M. Gambino
	Dr. Frank M. Gambino Director
November 12, 2003	*/s/ Gregory P. Josefowicz
	Gregory P. Josefowicz Director
November 12, 2003	*/s/ Elizabeth A. Nickels
	Elizabeth A. Nickels Director
November 12, 2003	*/s/ Timothy J. O'Donovan
	Timothy J. O'Donovan Director
November, 2003	
	Kenneth T. Stevens Director
November 12, 2003	/s/ Craig C. Sturken
	Craig C. Sturken Director
November 12, 2003	*/s/ James F. Wright

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James F. Wright
Director

/s/ David M. Staples

David M. Staples
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

November 12, 2003

* By/s/ Alex J. DeYonker
Alex J. DeYonker
Attorney-in-Fact