## 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): March 19, 2021



# **DAVIDsTEA Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

98-1048842

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

<u>001-37404</u>

(Commission File Number)

5430 Ferrier, Town of Mount-Royal, Québec, Canada

(Address of principal executive offices)

H4P 1M2

(Zip Code)

<u>(888) 873-0006</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ 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 shares, no par value per share	DTEA	NASDAQ Global Market

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  $\Box$ 

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 1.03 Bankruptcy or Receivership.

On March 19, 2021, the Québec Superior Court (the "Canadian Court") issued an order (the "Order") in the proceedings of DAVIDsTEA Inc. (the "Company"), a corporation incorporated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, DAVIDsTEA (USA), Inc. under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada). The Order, among other things, extended to June 4, 2021 the stay of proceedings and application of the first day initial order issued by the Canadian Court on July 8, 2020, and addressed certain administrative matters.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 19, 2021, the Company issued a press release announcing the Canadian Court issued the Order.

A copy of the press release related to this announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference to this Item 7.01. The information contained in this Item, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

#### **Cautionary Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes statements that express our opinions, expectations, beliefs, plans or assumptions regarding future events or future results and there are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). The following cautionary statements are being made pursuant to the provisions of the Act and with the intention of obtaining the benefits of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Act. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes", "expects", "may", "will", "should", "approximately", "intends", "plans", "estimates" or "anticipates" or, in each case, their negatives or other variations or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements include all matters that are not historical facts and include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning, among other things, our restructuring process, the COVID-19 pandemic, our strategy of transitioning to e-commerce and wholesale sales, future sales through our e-commerce and wholesale channels, the closing of certain of our retail stores, future lease liabilities, our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and prospects, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global macroeconomic environment, and our ability to avoid the delisting of the Company's common stock by Nasdaq due to the restructuring or our inability to maintain compliance with Nasdaq listing requirements.

While we believe these opinions and expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, such forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us, including the risk factors set forth in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2020, filed with the SEC on June 16, 2020, in our Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended May, 2, 2020 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on July 31, 2020, and in our Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended August 1, 2020 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on September 21, 2020.

These statements are based upon information available to us as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, and while we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially-available relevant information. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements.

Except as required under federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not have any intention to update any forwardlooking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release, dated March 19, 2021

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## 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.

Date: March 24, 2021

#### DAVIDsTEA INC.

By:/s/ Frank ZitellaName:Frank ZitellaTitle:President, and Chief Financial and Operating Officer

## DAVIDsTEA Obtains Court Order Extending Stay of Proceedings Under CCAA

**MONTREAL, March 19, 2021** - DAVIDsTEA Inc. (Nasdaq:DTEA) ("DAVIDsTEA" or the "Company"), a leading tea merchant in North America, announces that the Québec Superior Court today issued an Order extending to June 4, 2021 the previously-announced stay of all proceedings against the Company under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) ("CCAA").

The Court Order and related documents will be available at www.pwc.com/ca/davidstea. The Company will continue to provide updates throughout the CCAA restructuring process as events warrant.

## About DAVIDsTEA

DAVIDsTEA is a leading branded retailer and growing wholesaler of specialty loose-leaf tea, offering a differentiated selection of proprietary signature blends, single-origin teas, pre-packaged teas, tea sachets and tea-related gifts and accessories primarily through its e-commerce platform at www.davidstea.com. With a focus on innovative flavours, wellness-driven ingredients and organic tea, the Company launches seasonally driven "collections" with a mission of making tea accessible to a wide audience. A selection of DAVIDsTEA products is available in more than 2,500 grocery stores and pharmacies across Canada. The Company also operates 18 retail stores in Canada. The Company is headquartered in Montréal, Canada.

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