



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3561

April 9, 2009

Mr. Adrian Kowalewski  
Chief Financial Officer  
American Apparel, Inc.  
747 Warehouse Street  
Los Angeles, California 90021-1106

**Re: American Apparel, Inc.  
Item 4.01 Form 8-K  
Filed April 9, 2009  
File No. 001-32697**

Dear Mr. Kowalewski:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with more information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Item 4.01 Form 8-K filed on February 23, 2009

1. We note in the third paragraph that there were no disagreements during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Please expand your disclosure in an amended Form 8-K to state whether you had any disagreements with your former auditor on any matter of accounting principle or practice, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure during any subsequent interim period preceding their dismissal. Additionally in paragraph 5, state whether there were no reportable events during any subsequent interim period preceding the dismissal of Marcum & Klegman LLP.
2. Please obtain and submit an updated Exhibit 16 letter from your former auditors.

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within five business days or tell us when you will respond. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

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You may contact Yolanda Guobadia at (202) 551-3562 if you have questions regarding comments on the filings and related matters. Please contact me at (202) 551-3688 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Ryan C. Milne  
Accounting Branch Chief