UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): June 8, 2018

HRG Group, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) **1-4219** (Commission File No.)

450 Park Avenue, 29th Floor, New York, NY (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **74-1339132** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10022

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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:

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□ 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§232.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by checkmark 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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger

On June 8, 2018, HRG Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>HRG</u>") entered into an Amendment ("<u>Amendment No. 1</u>") to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 24, 2018 (the "<u>Merger Agreement</u>"), with Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Spectrum</u>"), HRG SPV Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation and direct wholly owned subsidiary of HRG, and HRG SPV Sub II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of HRG.

In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, immediately prior to the effective time of the merger contemplated by the Merger Agreement (the "<u>Merger</u>"), the certificate of incorporation of HRG will be amended and restated to read in its entirety as set forth on Exhibit A to the Merger Agreement (the "<u>Amended HRG Charter</u>"). Amendment No. 1 makes certain modifications to the Amended HRG Charter to (1) reflect that Andreas Rouvé, who, as previously disclosed, resigned from the Spectrum board of directors effective April 25, 2018, will not be a member of the board of directors of HRG as of the effective time of the Merger; and (2) in connection with the previously disclosed preapprovals granted by the HRG board of directors to certain large institutional advisors from the transfer restrictions under the operation of the Merger Agreement and the provisions of Article XIII of the Amended HRG Charter, modify the definition of "Substantial Holder" to clarify that for purposes of applying Section 2.1(e) of the Merger Agreement, a person shall not become a Substantial Holder as a result of the issuance of HRG common stock in the Merger if the HRG board of directors has granted such person prior approval to receive such common stock in accordance with Section 13.3(b) of the Amended HRG Charter.

Other than as expressly modified pursuant to Amendment No. 1, the Merger Agreement, which was previously included as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by HRG with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>") on February 26, 2018, remains in full force and effect as originally executed on February 24, 2018.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 8, 2018, HRG established a meeting date of July 13, 2018, for a special meeting, to be held at 9 a.m. Eastern Time, at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, at which HRG stockholders will vote on, among other things, six proposals to amend HRG's certificate of incorporation and a proposal to issue shares of HRG common stock in connection with the Merger Agreement, as amended. HRG stockholders of record at the close of business on May 17, 2018 will be entitled to receive notice of the special meeting and to vote at the special meeting.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are attached hereto:

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
<u>2.1*</u>	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 24, 2018, by and among Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., HRG Group, Inc., HRG SPV Sub I, Inc. and HRG SPV Sub II, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Spectrum's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2018).
<u>2.2</u>	Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 8, 2018, by and among Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., HRG Group, Inc., HRG SPV Sub I, Inc. and HRG SPV Sub II, LLC.

* Incorporated by reference and not filed herewith.

Additional Information and Where You Can Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, on April 10, 2018, HRG filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a preliminary joint proxy statement of Spectrum Brands and HRG and that also constitutes a preliminary prospectus for the HRG shares being issued to Spectrum's stockholders in the proposed transaction. The registration statement was amended on May 18, 2018 and on June 8, 2018. Spectrum and HRG also may file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This report is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus or registration statement or any other document which Spectrum and HRG may file with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF SPECTRUM AND HRG ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC (when available) by HRG and Spectrum through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov or by contacting the investor relations department of HRG or Spectrum at the following:

HRG Group, Inc. 450 Park Avenue, 29th Floor New York, NY 10022 Attention: Investor Relations

<u>Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.</u> 3001 Deming Way Middleton, WI 53562 Attention: Investor Relations

This report is for informational purposes only and shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. This report is not a substitute for the prospectus or any other document that Spectrum and HRG may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. No offering of securities shall be made, except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Participants in the Solicitation

HRG, Spectrum and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding HRG's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in HRG's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017, as amended, which is on file with the SEC. Information regarding Spectrum's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in Spectrum's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017, as amended, which is on file with the SEC. Information regarding Spectrum's form the year ended September 30, 2017, which is filed with the SEC. A more complete description is available in the registration statement on Form S-4 and the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus, which is not complete and may be updated.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this report may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We have tried, whenever possible, to identify these statements by using words like "future," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "believe," "expect," "project," "forecast," "could," "would," "should," "will," "may," and similar expressions of future intent or the negative of such terms. These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause results to differ materially from those anticipated as of the date of this release. Actual results may differ materially as a result of (1) the ability to

consummate the announced transaction on the expected terms and within the anticipated time period, or at all, which is dependent on the parties' ability to satisfy certain closing conditions, including the approval of Spectrum's and HRG's stockholders, including Spectrum's stockholders other than HRG; (2) any delay or inability of the combined company to realize the expected benefits of the transaction; (3) changes in tax laws, regulations, rates, policies or interpretations; (4) the value of the combined company shares to be issued in the transaction; (5) the risk of unexpected significant transaction costs and/or unknown liabilities; (6) potential litigation relating to the proposed transaction; (7) the outcome of Spectrum's previously announced transaction to sell the Global Battery and Lighting Business and exploration of strategic options for Spectrum's Appliances business, including uncertainty regarding consummation of any such transaction or transactions and the terms of such transaction or transactions; (9) the impact of expenses resulting from the implementation of new business strategies, divestitures or current and proposed restructuring activities; (10) the potential disruption to HRG's or Spectrum's business or diverted management attention, and the unanticipated loss of key members of senior management or other employees, in each case as a result of the announced transaction, the previously announced transaction to sell Spectrum's Global Battery and Lighting Business, in connection with the strategic options for Spectrum's Appliances business, in connection with the strategic options for Spectrum's Global Battery and Lighting Business, in connection with the strategic options for Spectrum's Appliances business conditions that affect the combined company following the transaction. Risks that could cause actual risks to differ from those anticipated as of the date hereof include those discussed herein, those set forth in the securities fillings of HRG, including its most recently filed Annual Repor

HRG also cautions the reader that undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. HRG undertakes no duty or responsibility to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect actual outcomes.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

HRG GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Ehsan Zargar

Name: Ehsan Zargar Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Office and General Counsel

June 8, 2018

EXHIBIT INDEX

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* Incorporated by reference and not filed herewith.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "<u>Amendment</u>"), effective as of June 8, 2018 is by and among HRG Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Halley</u>"), HRG SPV Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned Subsidiary of Halley ("<u>Merger Sub 1</u>"), HRG SPV Sub II, LLC., a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned Subsidiary of Halley ("<u>Merger Sub 1</u>"), HRG SPV Sub II, LLC., a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned Subsidiary of Halley ("<u>Merger Sub 2</u>", and together with Merger Sub 1, "<u>Merger Sub</u>") and Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Saturn</u>").

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants, conditions and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt an sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed that:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

When used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings specified:

1.1 Merger Agreement. "Merger Agreement" shall mean the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 24, 2018, by and among Halley, Merger Sub and Saturn.

1.2 Other Terms. The other capitalized terms used in this Amendment shall have the definitions assigned in the Merger Agreement.

ARTICLE II AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT A TO THE MERGER AGREEMENT

The Form of Amended and Restated Halley Charter attached to the Merger Agreement as Exhibit A is hereby amended as follows:

2.1 Removal of Andreas Rouvé as Director. The table contained in Section 5.2 of Exhibit A to the Merger Agreement is hereby amended to remove Andreas Rouvé as a Class II director of Halley as of the effective time of the Amended and Restated Halley Charter (and to delete in its entirety the row in such table containing such information).

2.2 Clarification re Preapprovals Under Transfer Restrictions. The definition of "Substantial Holder" in Section 13.2(j) of Exhibit A to the Merger Agreement is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows.

"<u>Substantial Holder</u>" means (a) a Person (including, without limitation, any group of Persons treated as a single "entity" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.382-3) that: (i) holds, owns or has any right in Corporation Securities representing a Percentage Stock Ownership in the Corporation of at least 4.9%; or (ii) that is identified as a "5-percent shareholder" of the Corporation pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.382-2T(g)(1) and (b) a Public Group; provided, however, that solely for purposes of applying Section 2.1(e) of the

Merger Agreement, a Person shall not become a Substantial Holder as a result of the issuance of Corporation Securities pursuant to the Merger if (and only if) the Board has granted such Person prior approval to receive such Corporation Securities in accordance with Section 13.3(b), which approval remains in effect at the time such Corporation Securities are issued."

ARTICLE III MISCELLANEOUS

3.1. No Other Amendment. Except to the extent the Merger Agreement is modified by this Amendment, the remaining terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

3.2. Governing Law. This Amendment and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related thereto, the relationship of the parties hereto, and/or the interpretation and enforcement of the rights and duties of the parties hereto, whether arising at law or in equity, in contract, tort or otherwise, will be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to its rules regarding conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the laws of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

3.3. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in two or more counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic method), all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties.

3.4. Severability. If any term or other provision of this Amendment is held by a court of competent jurisdiction or other authority to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of Law, or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Amendment shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Amendment so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible and the relevant provision may be given effect to the fullest extent consistent with applicable Law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first written above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

HRG GROUP, INC.

	/s/ Ehsan Zargar		
	Name:	Ehsan Zargar	
	Title:	Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Operatin	
		Officer and Corporate Secretary	
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	Title:	President	
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