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) April 10, 2008

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

VIRGINIA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 0-209 (Commission File No.)

54-0135270 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HIGHWAY BASSETT, VIRGINIA (Address of principal executive offices)

24055 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 276/629-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 10, 2008, the Registrant and Costa Brava Partnership III, L.P, Seth W. Hamot, Roark, Rearden and Hamot, LLC, and Roark, Rearden and Hamot Capital Management, LLC ("Costa Brava") entered into an agreement to end a potential proxy contest. Under the terms of the agreement, Costa Brava agreed to withdraw its proposed nominees for election to the Registrant's Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting of its stockholders and the Registrant agreed to withdraw pending litigation between the parties in the Circuit Court of the County of Henry, Virginia. It was further agreed that a mutually agreed upon shareholder representative may attend the Registrant's Board meetings as an observer for a certain period of time. Customary standstill and expense reimbursement provisions were also included. The agreement is attached to this report as exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 10, 2008 the Registrant issued a press release announcing the resolution of a potential proxy contest with Costa Brava. A copy of the press release detailing this resolution is attached to this report as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 10.1 Agreement between the Registrant and Costa Brava.

Exhibit 99 News release issued by Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. on April 10, 2008.

Signatures

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.

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

Date: April 16, 2008 By: /s/ Barry C. Safrit

Barry C. Safrit

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into as of this 10th day of April 2008, by and among Costa Brava Partnership III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and the persons and entities affiliated with it and listed on the signature pages hereof ("<u>Costa Brava</u>"), and Basset Furniture Industries, Inc., a Virginia corporation ("<u>Bassett</u>" or the "<u>Company</u>").

WHEREAS, Costa Brava is the beneficial owner of approximately 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of Bassett;

WHEREAS, as further detailed in the Company's Proxy Statement and Costa Brava's Proxy Statement each in connection with the Company's Annual Meeting on April 15, 2008 (the "Annual Meeting"), the Company and Costa Brava have engaged in a proxy contest with respect to (i) the election of directors to Bassett's Board of Directors (the "Stockholder Nomination"); and (ii) proposals for the Annual Meeting made by Costa Brava (the "Proposals");

WHEREAS, Bassett has filed an action against Costa Brava in Henry County, Virginia on January 29, 2008, captioned *Bassett Furnities Industries*, *Inc.* v. *Costa Brava Partnership III L.P. et al.*, Case No. CL09-028 (the "Virginia Action"), which sought a declaratory judgment that Costa Brava's purported nominations of directors to Bassett's Board were ineffective; and

WHEREAS, the Company and Costa Brava desire to enter into a global settlement to resolve all proceedings, controversies and disputes pertaining or relating to the Annual Meeting and the election of Bassett directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. 2008 Annual Meeting; Nominees. Costa Brava and the Company acknowledge the withdrawal of David S. Brody, Neil Chelo, Eugene Davis, Seth W. Hamot, Kent F. Heyman, Peter Hirsch and Andrew R. Siegel as nominees to the Board of Directors. Each member of Costa Brava agrees to vote all the Shares which he or it currently owned as of the record date either beneficially or as of record for the Annual Meeting in favor of each of those individuals nominated as directors by the Company's board of directors.
- 2. <u>Settlement Amount</u>. The Company shall remit to Costa Brava \$250,000 in consideration of certain of its costs in connection with the proxy contest and the litigation identified in Paragraph 3 below. The Company will pay such amount by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated in writing by Costa Brava no later than 12 p.m. (Eastern Time) on April 10, 2008.

- 3. Withdrawal of Litigation; Release of Claims. On the first business day after the execution of this Agreement, Bassett shall withdraw the Virginia Action. Costa Brava and the Company hereby release and forever discharge each other, and their respective directors, officers, partners, principals, employees and agents, from all claims and demands, rights and causes of action of any kind arising out of the Stockholder Nomination, the Proposals, the Annual Meeting, the proxy contest in connection with the Annual Meeting, and the Virginia Action and all other actions commenced, or any claims, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown as of the date hereof by or against the Company or Costa Brava. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph, Costa Brava and the Company do not release any obligations or claims related to the enforcement of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
 - 4. Company Representations and Warranties. The Company represents and warrants to Costa Brava as follows:
 - (a) The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Company has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of this Agreement, and has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and
 - (b) This Agreement has been duly and validly authorized by the Board of Directors, and executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and no other proceeding on the part of the Company is necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement.
 - 5. Costa Brava Representations and Warranties. Each member of Costa Brava represents and warrants to the Company as follows:
 - (a) To the extent that Costa Brava is an entity, it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state in which it was incorporated or organized. It has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of this Agreement, and has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and
 - (b) This Agreement has been duly and validly authorized by Costa Brava's governing bodies, and executed and delivered by Costa Brava and constitutes its valid and binding obligation, enforceable against Costa Brava in accordance with its terms, and no other proceeding on its part is necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement.
- 6. <u>Publicity</u>. The Company and Costa Brava will issue a joint press release before the financial markets in New York open on April 10, 2008 in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Press Release</u>"). Until the Press Release is issued, the Company and Costa Brava shall keep the contents of this Agreement confidential other than as required by law.

7. Observer Rights. The Company agrees to grant observer rights to a representative of a large shareholder of the Company until the Company has paid the \$1.25 per share special dividend and bought back stock for, or otherwise distributed to the Company's shareholders, \$20 million, as recently announced. During such period, such observer will: (1) receive copies of all notices and written information furnished to the full Board at substantially the same time they are so furnished, and (2) be permitted to be present at all future meetings of the Board of Directors (and all committees thereof to the extent such committee meetings are open to non-committee members and to the extent that such observer's participation shall not have an impact on any independence requirements applicable to such committees). Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Company shall be entitled to withhold any information and exclude such observer from any meeting, or any portion thereof, as is reasonably determined by the Company to be necessary to protect the Company's attorney-client privilege, work product or other applicable privileges or to allow the directors to exercise their fiduciary obligations, and (ii) such observer shall execute a confidentiality agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company with respect to the information and discussions to which such observer will have access. Costa Brava agrees, that the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to appoint such observer to be a member of the Board, in which case such appointment shall satisfy all of the Company's obligations under this paragraph 7.

Such observer shall initially be Mr. Scott Barbee of Aegis Investments, if Mr. Barbee agrees to perform such role. In the event that Mr. Barbee does not accept the role, or in the event that Aegis Investments ceases to hold at least 5% of the Company's Common Stock, the Company and Costa Brava shall mutually agree upon a replacement, who shall be a representative of a significant shareholder of the Company which has held Company shares for longer than one year.

- 8. <u>Standstill Agreement</u>. Each member of Costa Brava agrees that, until the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the advance notice deadline for submitting proposals for the 2013 annual meeting of shareholders of the Company (the "Standstill Period"), neither it nor any of its Affiliates or Associates shall:
 - (a) nominate any candidates for the Board of Directors of the Company;
 - (b) submit a shareholder proposal under Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, directly or indirectly, to the Company;
 - (c) file a proxy statement in opposition to the Company or otherwise solicit proxies or consents from any shareholders of the Company;
 - (d) enter into any contract, arrangement or understanding with any person with respect to any securities of Bassett, including but not limited to any acquisition of any securities (or beneficial ownership thereof), joint venture, loan or option

agreement, put or call, guarantee of loans, guarantee of profits or division of losses or profits (<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing in this Section 8(d) shall prohibit any member of Costa Brava from trading securities of Bassett for its own account and <u>provided further</u>, that Costa Brava members' aggregate holdings in Bassett's securities shall not exceed 5.13% of the issued and outstanding stock of the company);

- (e) commence or enter into any tender offer or exchange offer, merger, acquisition or other business combination involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
 - (f) form, join or in any way participate in a "group" (as defined under the Exchange Act) with respect to the Company;
- (g) otherwise act, alone or in concert with others, to seek to influence the management, Board of Directors or policies of Bassett or take any action to obtain representation on the board of directors of the Company;
 - (h) disclose any intention, plan or arrangement inconsistent with the foregoing;
- (i) effect or seek (including, without limitation, entering into any discussions, negotiations, agreements or understandings with any third person), offer or propose (whether publicly or otherwise) to effect, or cause or participate in, or in any way, advise, assist or encourage any other persons in connection with any of the foregoing;
- (j) take any action which would, or would reasonably be expected to, force the Company to make a public announcement regarding any of the types of the foregoing matters; or
- (k) request, directly or indirectly, any amendment or waiver of any provision of this paragraph 8 (including this sentence) by the Company or any of its agents or representatives.
- 9. <u>Specific Performance</u>. Each of the parties acknowledges and agrees that the other party would be damaged irreparably in the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are not performed in accordance with their specific terms or otherwise are breached. Accordingly, each party agrees that, without posting bond or other undertaking, the other party shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of the provisions of this Agreement and to enforce specifically this Agreement and the terms and provisions hereof in any claim, action, cause of action or suit, whether in contract or tort or otherwise, whether at law or in equity instituted in accordance with Paragraph 14 below . Each party further agrees that, in the event of an action for specific performance in respect of such breach, it shall not assert the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

- 10. Amendments and Waivers. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement will be valid and binding unless it is in writing and signed, in the case of an amendment, by the Company and the Costa Brava, or in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom the waiver is to be effective. No waiver by any party of any breach or violation or, default under or inaccuracy in any representation, warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent breach, violation, default of, or inaccuracy in, any such representation, warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence. No delay or omission on the part of any party in exercising any right, power or remedy under this Agreement will operate as a waiver thereof.
- 11. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.
- 12. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, which may be exchanged by PDF or facsimile each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute but one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when duly executed by each party hereto.
- 13. Severability. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is invalid or unenforceable in any situation in any jurisdiction will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation or in any other jurisdiction. In the event that any provision hereof would, under applicable law, be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, each party hereto intends that such provision will be construed by modifying or limiting it so as to be valid and enforceable to the maximum extent compatible with, and possible under, applicable law.
- 14. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement, the rights of the parties and all Actions arising in whole or in part under or in connection herewith, will be governed by and construed in all respects, including validity, interpretation and effect, in accordance with the laws of Virginia, applicable to contracts executed and to be performed wholly within such State without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule that would cause the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction. Each of the parties hereto (a) consents to submit itself to the personal jurisdiction of the state courts in Richmond, Virginia in the event any dispute arises out of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (b) agrees that it shall not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any such court, (c) agrees that it shall not bring any action relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in any

court other than the state courts in Richmond, Virginia (d) agrees to waive any bonding requirement under any applicable law, in the case any other party seeks to enforce the terms by way of equitable relief and (e) each of the parties irrevocably consents to service of process by first class certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the address of such parties' principal place of business or as otherwise provided by applicable law.

15. Waiver of Jury Trial. To the extent not prohibited by applicable law that cannot be waived, the parties hereby waive, and covenant that they will not assert (whether as plaintiff, defendant or otherwise), any right to trial by jury in any action arising in whole or in part under or in connection with this agreement or any of the contemplated transactions, whether now existing or hereafter arising, and whether sounding in contract, tort or otherwise. The parties agree that any of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and bargained-for agreement among the parties irrevocably to waive its right to trial by jury in any proceeding whatsoever between them relating to this agreement or any of the contemplated transactions will instead be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction by a judge sitting without a jury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

COSTA BRAVA PARTNERSHIP III L.P.

By: Roark, Rearden & Hamot LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Seth W. Hamot

Seth W. Hamot President

ROARK, REARDEN & HAMOT CAPITAL

MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Seth W. Hamot
Name: Seth W. Hamot
Title: President

ROARK, REARDEN & HAMOT, LLC

By: /s/ Seth W. Hamot
Name: Seth W. Hamot

Title: President

SETH W. HAMOT

/s/ Seth W. Hamot

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ Robert H. Spilman

Robert H. Spilman

Chief Executive Officer and President

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News Release

BASSETT AND COSTA BRAVA END POTENTIAL PROXY CONTEST

(Bassett, Va.; Boston, MA) – April 10, 2008 – Bassett Furniture Industries Inc. (Nasdaq: BSET) and Costa Brava Partnership III L.P. today announced that they have resolved their potential proxy contest.

Pursuant to an agreement entered into today, Costa Brava will support the nominees proposed by Bassett for election and will withdraw its proposed nominees for election to the Bassett Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting of Bassett's stockholders. Bassett and Costa Brava have agreed that a mutually agreed upon shareholder representative may attend the Board meetings as an observer for a certain period of time. Bassett will withdraw the litigation between the parties pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Henry, Virginia.

"We are pleased to have reached this settlement with Costa Brava, which we believe is in the best interests of all Bassett shareholders, customers and employees," said Robert Spilman Jr., Bassett's CEO. "The plan to return capital to shareholders outlined by the Board is the result of several months of work by the management of the Company, its Board and its advisors, including most recently assistance from investment bank Stephens Inc. and conversations with several of the Company's major shareholders, including Costa Brava. It is time to redirect all of the company's efforts to the business." Mr. Spilman concluded, "I want to thank all of Bassett's shareholders, employees, dealers and customers for their support of, and dedication to, our business during this period."

Seth Hamot, the president of Roark, Rearden & Hamot, LLC, which is the general partner of Costa Brava likewise stated, "We are pleased to have reached this agreement with Bassett and strongly believe that it is in the best interests of all Bassett shareholders, employees, dealers and customers. We support the Board's recent announcements regarding its plan to unlock shareholder value and look forward to its implementation."

The agreement between Bassett and Costa Brava also includes customary standstill and expenses reimbursement provisions.

About Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc.

Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. (Nasdaq: BSET), is a leading manufacturer and marketer of high quality, mid-priced home furnishings. With approximately 130 Bassett stores, Bassett has leveraged its strong brand name in furniture into a growing network of corporate and licensed stores that focus on providing consumers with a friendly environment for buying furniture and accessories. The most significant growth vehicle for Bassett continues to be the Company's dedicated retail store program. Bassett's retail strategy includes affordable custom-built furniture that is ready for delivery in the home within 30 days. The stores also feature the latest on-trend furniture styles, more than 1,000 upholstery fabrics, free in-home design visits, and coordinated decorating accessories. For more information, visit the Company's website at bassettfurniture.com.

Certain of the statements in this release, particularly those preceded by, followed by or including the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "should," "estimates," or similar expressions, or those relating to or anticipating financial results for periods beyond the fiscal year 2007, constitute "forward looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. For those statements, Bassett claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In many cases, Bassett cannot predict what factors would cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward looking statements. Expectations included in the forward-looking statements are based on preliminary information as well as certain assumptions which management believes to be reasonable at this time. The following important factors, among others, affect Bassett and could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward looking statements: delays or difficulties in converting some of its non-operating assets to cash, the securities markets, including stock price levels, tax planning considerations, negotiations with third parties who have an interest in some of non-operating assets in which the Company has an interest, the proxy solicitation currently being pursued by a third party and related litigation, economic, competitive, governmental and other factors identified in Bassett's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the effects of national and global economic or other conditions and future events on the retail demand for home furnishings.