

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): **January 3, 2025**

SAFE & GREEN HOLDINGS CORP.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-38037

(Commission File Number)

95-4463937

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**990 Biscayne Blvd.
#501, Office 12
Miami, FL 33132**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 646-240-4235

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 Stock, par value \$0.01	SGBX	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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

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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 3, 2025, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Safe & Green Holdings Corp (the "Company") approved the appointment of Michael McLaren as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and on January 5, 2025, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. McLaren (the "Employment Agreement") to employ Mr. McLaren in such capacity for an initial term of two (2) years, which Employment Agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$250,000 which shall be increased to \$400,000 upon the closing of a capital event which cures the Company's stockholders' equity deficiency with Nasdaq, a signing bonus of \$50,000 payable within thirty (30) days of the Employment Agreement's effective date, a long-term incentive bonus with a range of between two (2) to four (4) times Mr. McLaren's then-base salary, subject to approval by the Company's Board of Directors.

On January 3, 2025, the Board of Directors (the "Board") appointed Michael McLaren as a director of the Company. Mr. McLaren will serve until the date of the Company's 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "2025 Annual Meeting") and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. As an employee director, Mr. McLaren will not participate in the Company's non-employee director compensation program.

Mr. McLaren brings more than 30 years of leadership experience in the energy industry, including significant contributions to military and energy projects, field services, and mergers and acquisitions. He is the founder of several startups where he has led innovative energy solutions, manufacturing systems and is the developer and patent holder of an extensive catalog of energy and green technologies. Mr. McLaren earned a Master's Degree in Science and a Master's Degree in Business from the University of British Columbia.

Mr. McLaren is subject to a one-year post-termination non-compete and non-solicit of employees and clients. Mr. McLaren is also bound by confidentiality provisions.

There are no family relationships between Mr. McLaren and any of the Company's directors or executive officers. In addition, except as set forth above, Mr. McLaren is not a party to any transaction, or series of transactions, required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

The descriptions of the Employment Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Employment Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Employment Agreement, dated January 5, 2025, between Safe & Green Holdings Corp. and Michael McLaren
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SAFE & GREEN HOLDINGS CORP.

Dated: January 6, 2025

By: /s/ Patricia Kaelin
Name: Patricia Kaelin
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is made as of January 5, 2025 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between Safe & Green Holdings Corp, having its principal office at 990 Biscayne Blvd., #501, Office 12, Miami, FL 33132 (the “**Company**”), and Mike McLaren, an individual residing at 205S Bailey Street Electra Texas 76360

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company desires to employ Executive, and Executive desires to be employed by the Company, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual promises herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **EMPLOYMENT.** The Company hereby employs Executive and Executive hereby agrees to be employed by the Company, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. **TERM.** Executive’s employment shall commence January 6, 2025, and unless earlier terminated as provided herein, the initial term of this Agreement will be for a period of two (2) years, commencing on the date of this Agreement (the “**Initial Term**”); provided that thereafter this Agreement will be extended for additional one (1) year periods unless, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any such one (1) year extension period, as the case may be, either the Company or Executive provides notice to the other of its intent not to renew this Agreement upon the completion of the Initial Term or any such one (1) year extension period (the period of Executive’s employment by the Company under this Agreement will be referred to as the “**Term**”).

3. **DUTIES.** The Executive shall perform such duties and functions as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company as are determined from time to time by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “**Board**”). During the Term, Executive shall comply with the policies of and be subject to the reasonable direction of the Board. The Executive agrees to devote their entire working time, attention and energies to the performance of the business of the Company and of any of its subsidiaries or affiliates by which they may be employed; and Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, alone or as a member of any partnership, or as an officer, director or employee of any other corporation, partnership or other organization, be actively engaged in or concerned with any other duties or pursuits which interfere with the performance of their duties hereunder, or which, even if noninterfering, may be inimical to or contrary to the best interests of the Company.

4. **COMPENSATION.** As compensation for the services to be rendered by Executive hereunder, the Company agrees to pay or cause to be paid to Executive, and Executive agrees to accept, an annual salary of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) (the “**Salary**”) payable in accordance with the Company’s payroll practices. Upon the closing of a capital event which cures the Company’s stockholder’s equity deficiency with Nasdaq, Executive’s base Salary shall be increased to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000).

5. **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.** The Company shall pay to Executive, within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, a signing bonus of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). Executive shall be eligible to receive grants of restricted share units and/or restricted options under the Company’s Stock Incentive Plan. Any such grants shall be subject to Board approval and a separate restricted share unit agreement and/or restricted stock option agreement. Executive shall also be eligible for a long-term incentive bonus, with a range between two (2) to four (4) times Executive’s then-base Salary, subject to Board approval. Any additional compensation is not guaranteed and will be fully subject to the approval of the Board and/or Compensation Committee of the Board.

6. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.** Effective upon Executive’s hiring and during the period Executive is employed hereunder, Executive shall be permitted to participate in all group health, hospitalization and disability insurance programs, pension plans and similar benefits that are now or may become available to similarly situated executives of the Company. During the Term, Executive shall be entitled to vacations in accordance with the vacation policy of the Company but in no instance less than three (3) weeks per employment year.

7. **REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.** During the Term, the Company shall reimburse Executive for reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses advanced or expended by Executive in connection with Executive’s duties hereunder; provided, however, that Executive shall not expend or incur any such expenses, individually or in the aggregate, in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) without the prior approval of the Company.

8. **TERM, TERMINATION**

a. The Executive’s employment hereunder may be terminated at any time upon written notice by the Company, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- i. the death of Executive;
- ii. the Disability of Executive (as defined in paragraph (b)); or
- iii. the determination that there is Cause (as hereinafter defined) for such termination upon ten (10) days’ prior written notice to Executive.

b. For purposes hereof, the term “**Disability**” shall mean the inability of Executive, due to illness, accident or any other physical or mental incapacity, to perform the normal functions of her job for a period of three (3) consecutive months or for a total of six (6) months (whether or not consecutive) in any twelve (12) month period during the term of this Agreement.

c. For purposes hereof, “**Cause**” shall mean: (i) Executive’s conviction (which, through lapse of time or otherwise, is not subject to appeal) of any crime or offense involving money or other property of the Company or its subsidiaries or which constitutes a felony in the jurisdiction involved; (ii) Executive’s performance of any act or her failure to act, for which if they were prosecuted and convicted, a crime or offense involving money or property of the Company or its subsidiaries, or which would constitute a felony in the jurisdiction involved would have occurred; (iii) Executive’s breach of any of the representations, warranties or covenants set forth in this Agreement; or (iv) Executive’s continuing, repeated, willful failure or refusal to perform their duties required by this Agreement, provided that Executive shall have first received written notice from the Company stating with specificity the nature of such failure and refusal and affording Executive an opportunity, as soon as practicable, to correct the acts or omissions complained of. Whether or not “**Cause**” shall exist in each case shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

d. The Executive’s employment may also be terminated by the Company at any time upon thirty (30) days prior written notice, without cause.

e. In the event that the Executive’s employment is terminated for Cause, Executive will be entitled to only their accrued salary and vacation time through the termination date and nothing more. In the event the Executive’s employment is terminated by the Company for any reason other than Cause, Executive shall receive severance equal to Executive’s remaining salary and benefits of the current Term with a cap of one (1) year’s salary and benefits. These severance benefits will include payment of

COBRA health insurance, accelerated vesting of RSU's, and the receipt of any earned bonus compensation from projects and performance goals as well as accrued vacation time.

9. REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE. The Executive represents and warrants that they are free to enter into this Agreement and to perform the duties required hereunder, and that there are no employment contracts, restrictive covenants or other restrictions preventing the performance of their duties hereunder.

10. NON-COMPETITION.

a. Executive agrees that if their employment is terminated for any reason or if they leave the employ of the Company for any reason, for a period of one (1) year from the date of such termination of employment, they will not directly or indirectly, as owner, partner, joint venture, stockholder, employee, broker, agent, principal, trustee, corporate officer or director, licensor or in any capacity whatsoever engage in, become financially interested in, be employed by, render consulting services to, or have any connection with, any business which is competitive with the business activities of the Company or its subsidiaries ("**Competitive Business**"), in any geographic area where, during the time of their employment, the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is being or had been conducted in any manner whatsoever, or hire or attempt to hire for any Competitive Business any employee of the Company or any subsidiary thereof, or solicit, call on or induce others to solicit or call on, directly or indirectly, any customers or prospective customers of the Company for the purpose of inducing them to purchase or lease a product or service which may compete with any product or service of the Company; provided, however, that Executive may own any securities of any corporation which is engaged in such business and is publicly owned and traded but in an amount not to exceed at any one time one percent of any class of stock or securities of such company. This Executive will be allowed to seek employment or provide consulting services in the accounting profession immediately upon termination.

b. If any portion of the restrictions set forth in paragraph (a) should, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity or enforceability of the remainder of such restrictions shall not thereby be adversely affected.

c. The Executive declares that the foregoing territorial and time limitations are reasonable and properly required for the adequate protection of the business of the Company. In the event any such territorial or time limitation is deemed to be unreasonable by a court of competent jurisdiction, Executive agrees to the reduction of either said territorial or time limitation to such area or period which said court shall have deemed reasonable.

d. The existence of any claim or cause of action by Executive against the Company or any subsidiary other than under this Agreement shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by the Company or any subsidiary of the foregoing restrictive covenants, but such claim or cause of action shall be litigated separately.

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11. CONFIDENTIALITY.

a. The Executive shall not, during the term of this Agreement, and at any time following termination of this Agreement, directly or indirectly, disclose or permit to be known, to any person, firm or corporation, any confidential information acquired by them during the course of or as an incident to their employment hereunder, relating to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, the directors of the Company or its subsidiaries, any client of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any corporation, partnership or other entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any of the foregoing, or in which any of the foregoing has a beneficial interest, including, but not limited to, the business affairs of each of the foregoing. Such confidential information shall include, but shall not be limited to, proprietary information, trade secrets, know-how, market studies and forecasts, competitive analyses, the substance of agreements with clients and others, client lists and any other documents embodying such confidential information.

b. All information and documents relating to the Company, its affiliates as hereinabove described (or other business affairs) shall be the exclusive property of the Company, and Executive shall use their best efforts to prevent any publication or disclosure thereof. Upon termination of Executive's employment with the Company, all documents, records, reports, writings and other similar documents containing confidential information, including copies thereof, then in Executive's possession or control shall be returned and left with the Company.

12. RIGHT TO INJUNCTION. The Executive recognizes that the services to be rendered by them hereunder are of a special, unique, unusual, extraordinary and intellectual character involving skill of the highest order and giving them peculiar value, the loss of which cannot be adequately compensated for in damages. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by Executive, the Company shall be entitled to injunctive relief or any other legal or equitable remedies. Executive agrees that the Company may recover by appropriate action the amount of the actual damage caused the Company by any failure, refusal, or neglect of Executive to perform their agreements, representations and warranties herein contained. The remedies provided in this Agreement shall be deemed cumulative and the exercise of one shall not preclude the exercise of any other remedy at law or in equity for the same event or any other event.

13. AMENDMENT OR ALTERATION. No amendment or alteration of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both of the parties hereto.

14. GOVERNING LAW. All matters concerning the validity, construction, interpretation and performance under this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Florida, without giving effect to any conflict of laws principles thereunder.

15. SEVERABILITY. The holding of any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

16. NOTICES. Any notice hereunder by either party to the other shall be given in writing by personal delivery or by registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed, if to the Company, to the attention of the Company's Chief Executive Officer at the Company's principal offices or to such other address as the Company may designate in writing to Executive, and if to Executive, to her most recent home address on file with the Company. Notice shall be deemed given, if by personal delivery, on the date of such delivery or, if by registered mail, on the date shown on the applicable return receipt.

17. WAIVER OR BREACH. It is agreed that a waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by that same party.

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18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, heirs, distributees, successors and assigns.

19. ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement may not be transferred or assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

20. SURVIVAL. The termination of Executive's employment hereunder shall not affect the enforceability of Sections 10 and 11 hereof.

21. FURTHER ASSURANCES. The parties agree to execute and deliver all such further instruments and take such other and further action as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

22. HEADINGS. The Section headings appearing in this Agreement are for purposes of easy reference and shall not be considered a part of this Agreement or in any way modify, amend or affect its provisions.

23. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together, shall constitute one instrument.

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

COMPANY

EXECUTIVE

Safe & Green Holdings Corp.

By: /s/ Patricia Kaelin
Patricia Kaelin
CFO

/s/ Mike McLaren
Mike McLaren