

STANLEY WORKS  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2008

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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):

December 17, 2008

The Stanley Works

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

1-5244

06-0548860

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut

06053

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(860) 225-5111

Not Applicable

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))

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

In a press release attached to this 8-K, the Company announced executive management changes. As reflected in the release, James M. Loree, who is currently the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has been elected Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 1, 2009, and Donald J. McInay, Senior Vice President and President - Industrial Tools Group and Emerging Markets has decided to retire at the end of 2008.

Donald Allan, Jr. has been elected to serve as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective January 1, 2009. Mr. Allan, who is 44, joined the Company in 1999 as Director of Financial Reporting and was named Corporate Controller in 2000 and a Corporate Vice President in 2002. He has been an executive officer of the Company since October 24, 2006. Mr. Allan is a participant in the Company's Special Severance Plan.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 17, 2008.

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**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.

The Stanley Works

*December 17, 2008*

By: */s/ Bruce H. Beatt*

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*Name: Bruce H. Beatt*

*Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	The Stanley Works' press release dated December 17, 2008 announcing executive management changes.