

STANLEY WORKS  
Form 8-K  
September 22, 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): September 22, 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

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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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

During the three months ended June 28, 2008, The Stanley Works (the Company) identified three businesses that met the requirements to be reported as held for sale and discontinued operations in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (SFAS 144). These businesses include the CST/berger laser and measuring business and two other small businesses. In accordance with the provisions of SFAS 144, the results of these businesses are reported as discontinued operations, and the related assets and liabilities are reclassified as held for sale. The purpose of this filing is to present updated information from the Company's originally filed 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K (the Form 10-K) solely to reflect these discontinued operations on a comparable basis for all years presented. No attempt has been made to update other matters in the Form 10-K. The above mentioned reclassification of these prior results to discontinued operations is consistent with such presentation in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of 2008. Items 6, 7, 8 and 15(a) and Exhibit 12 of the Form 10-K are set forth in Exhibits 99.1 through 99.5 hereto, respectively, and are incorporated by reference herein. The Company has not modified or updated any other disclosures in the Form 10-K. All other information in the Form 10-K remains unchanged.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable
  - (b) Not applicable
  - (c) Not applicable
  - (d) Exhibits
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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

*September 22, 2008*

*By: /s/ James M. Loree*

*Name: James M. Loree*

*Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer*

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