ROCKY BRANDS, INC. Form 8-K November 13, 2006

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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) November 8, 2006 ROCKY BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 0-21026 31-1364046

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

39 East Canal Street, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (740) 753-1951

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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#### Item 1.01 Entry Into a Definitive Material Agreement.

On November 8, 2006, Rocky Brands, Inc. (the Company) and certain of its subsidiaries entered into Amendment No. 4 to Loan and Security Agreement and Waiver with the financial institutions party thereto (each a Lender and collectively, the Lenders), and GMAC Commercial Finance LLC (GMAC CF), as administrative agent and sole lead arranger for the Lenders (the GMAC CF Amendment). Also, on November 8, 2006, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into Second Amendment to Note Purchase Agreement and Waiver with the note purchasers party thereto (each a Purchaser and collectively, the Purchasers), and American Capital Financial Services, Inc. (ACAS), as administrative and collateral agent for the Purchasers (the ACAS Amendment). (The GMAC CF Amendment and the ACAS Amendment are referred to herein as the Amendments.)

The Amendments altered the terms of restrictive covenants through December 2007 pertaining to minimum EBITDA, senior and total leverage, and fixed charges contained within the Company s debt agreement with GMAC and the Company s term loan agreement with ACAS. Additionally, the ACAS Amendment increased the interest rate to LIBOR plus 8.5%.

The foregoing description of the Amendments and the transactions contemplated thereby does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Amendments. Copies of the Amendments are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

See Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

- 10.1 Amendment No. 4 to Loan and Security Agreement and Waiver, dated as of November 8, 2006, by and among Rocky Brands, Inc., Lifestyle Footwear, Inc., EJ Footwear LLC, HM Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, Georgia Boot LLC, Georgia Boot Properties LLC, Durango Boot Company LLC, Northlake Boot Company LLC, Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, and Lehigh Safety Shoe Properties LLC, as Borrowers, the financial institutions party thereto (each a Lender and collectively, the Lenders), and GMAC Commercial Finance LLC, as administrative agent and sole lead arranger for the Lenders.
- 10.2 Second Amendment to Note Purchase Agreement and Waiver, dated as of November 8, 2006, by and among Rocky Brands, Inc., Lifestyle Footwear, Inc., EJ Footwear LLC, HM Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, Georgia Boot LLC, Georgia Boot Properties LLC, Durango Boot Company LLC, Northlake Boot Company LLC, Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, and Lehigh Safety Shoe Properties LLC, as the Loan Parties, the purchasers party thereto (each a Purchaser and collectively, the Purchasers), and American Capital Financial Services, Inc., as administrative and collateral agent for the Purchasers.

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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.

## Rocky Brands, Inc.

Date: November 13, 2006 By: /s/ James E. McDonald

James E. McDonald, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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