ROCKY BRANDS, INC. Form 8-K February 19, 2009

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) <u>February 19, 2009</u> 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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 19, 2009, Rocky Brands, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release entitled Rocky Brands, Inc. Announces Fourth Quarter and 2008 Full Year Results regarding its consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the Company s press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K and accompanying press release is being furnished under Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. Those statements include, but may not be limited to, all statements regarding intent, beliefs, expectations, projections, forecasts, and plans of the Company and its management, and include statements in this press release regarding the focus on cost reduction (paragraph 13). These forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, the various risks inherent in the Company s business as set forth in periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 (filed March 6, 2008), the Company s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 (filed May 1, 2008), the Company s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 (filed August 6, 2008), and the Company s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 (filed November 4, 2008). One or more of these factors have affected historical results, and could in the future affect the Company s businesses and financial results in future periods and could cause actual results to differ materially from plans and projections. Therefore there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this press release will prove to be accurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements included herein, the Company, or any other person should not regard the inclusion of such information as a representation that the objectives and plans of the Company will be achieved. All forward-looking statements made in this press release are based on information presently available to the management of the Company. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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

Exhibit No. Description

Press Release, dated February 19, 2009, entitled Rocky Brands, Inc. Announces Fourth Quarter and 2008 Full Year Results.

* Such press release is being furnished (not filed) under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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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: February 19, 2009 By: /s/ James E. McDonald

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

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