

STANLEY WORKS  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 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):

March 13, 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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- 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.**

Thierry Paternot, President - Stanley, Europe, retired from the Company effective March 13, 2008. The Company anticipated Mr. Paternot's retirement, and has been working since mid 2007 to ensure a smooth and orderly transition. The Company hired Massimo Grassi as its President, Facom Tools - Europe in July 2007, reporting to Mr. Paternot. Going forward, Mr. Grassi will report to Donald R. McIlroy, the Company's Senior Vice President and President, Industrial Tools Group and Emerging Markets on matters relating to Facom and the Company's other industrial tools businesses in Europe and to John F. Lundgren with respect to the Company's European operations generally.

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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.

*March 14, 2008*

The Stanley Works

By: */s/ Bruce H. Beatt*

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*Name: Bruce H. Beatt*

*Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*