

STANLEY WORKS  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2005

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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 16, 2005

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 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 16, 2005, The Stanley Works issued a press release announcing that it had entered into an agreement to purchase National Manufacturing Co. d/b/a National Hardware for \$170 million. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) 99.1 Press release dated September 16, 2005.

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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 19, 2005*

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 September 16, 2005 announcing that it has entered into an agreement to purchase National Manufacturing Co. d/b/a National Hardware.