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Form 8-K

October 28, 2010

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

October 27, 2010
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its charter)

Virginia
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-01361
(Commission File Number)

22-1318955
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

773-838-3400
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 October 27, 2010, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. issued a press release (the "release") announcing its results of operations and financial condition for the third quarter ended October 2, 2010. A copy of the release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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The information in the release and in this Item 2.02 is "furnished" and not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Such information may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933 only if and to the extent such subsequent filing specifically references such information.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) The following exhibit is furnished with this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc., dated
 October 27, 2010.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

October 27, 2010

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /S/G. HOWARD EMBER, JR.
 G. Howard Ember, Jr.
 Vice President/Finance and
 Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
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Press Release

STOCK TRADED: NYSE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TICKER SYMBOL: TR Wednesday, October 27, 2010

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - October 27, 2010 - Melvin J. Gordon, Chairman, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. reported third quarter and nine months 2010 net sales and net earnings.

Third quarter 2010 net sales were \$191,045,000 compared to \$183,408,000 in third quarter 2009, an increase of \$7,637,000 or 4.2%. Third quarter 2010 net earnings were \$27,351,000 compared to \$27,247,000 in third quarter 2009, and net earnings per share were \$.48 and \$.47 in third quarter 2010 and 2009, respectively, an increase of \$.01 per share or 2%.

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Nine months 2010 net sales were \$399,315,000 compared to \$385,274,000 in nine months 2009, an increase of \$14,041,000 or 3.6%. Nine months 2010 net earnings were \$44,907,000 compared to \$45,905,000 in nine months 2009, and net earnings per share were \$.79 in both nine months 2010 and 2009.

Mr. Gordon said, "Third quarter 2010 net sales benefited from effective marketing programs including pre-Halloween sales programs. The increase in third quarter 2010 net earnings reflects the benefits of higher sales, favorable foreign currency exchange and translation, and a lower effective income tax rate. However, third quarter 2010 net earnings were adversely affected by higher ingredient costs, primarily sugar and cocoa. The Company's third quarter 2010 net earnings per share benefited from common stock purchases in the open market resulting in fewer shares outstanding.

Nine months 2010 net sales also benefited from effective marketing and sales programs. Nine months 2010 net earnings were favorably impacted by the same factors as the third quarter, including higher net sales, and nine months 2010 results were also adversely affected by higher ingredient costs. Nine months 2010 earnings per share benefited from common stock purchases and fewer outstanding shares."

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF NET SALES & NET EARNINGS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED
OCTOBER 2, 2010 & OCTOBER 3, 2009

| THIRD QUARTER ENDED | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Net Product Sales | \$ 191,045,000 | \$ 183,408,000 |
| Net Earnings | \$ 27,351,000 | \$ 27,247,000 |
| Net Earnings Per Share * | \$.48 | \$.47 |
| Average Shares Outstanding * | 56,909,000 | 57,461,000 |
| | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net Product Sales | \$ 399,315,000 | \$ 385,274,000 |
| Net Earnings | \$ 44,907,000 | \$ 45,905,000 |
| Net Earnings Per Share * | \$.79 | \$.79 |
| Average Shares Outstanding * | 57,108,000 | 57,863,000 |

*Based on average shares outstanding adjusted for 3% stock dividends distributed April 8, 2010 and April 9, 2009.