

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORP
Form 8-K
April 16, 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): April 16, 2009

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-1370
(Commission File Number)

39-0182330
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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12301 West Wirth Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

53222
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (414) 259-5333

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

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On April 16, 2009, Briggs & Stratton Corporation issued a press release announcing fiscal 2009 third quarter results and declaring a reduced quarterly dividend in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 16, 2009, Briggs & Stratton Corporation announced that at its regular quarterly meeting held yesterday, the Board of Directors of Briggs & Stratton Corporation declared a quarterly dividend of eleven cents (\$0.11) per share on the common stock of the Corporation. The dividend is payable June 26, 2009 to shareholders of record at the close of business June 1, 2009. The quarterly dividend has been reduced 50% from the prior quarter's level. This reduced dividend is more comparable with our historical payout ratio of 50% of net income and dividend yield of 3.5%. In addition, a reduced dividend preserves cash in light of the continuing uncertainty in the credit markets. This action, along with other cash preserving initiatives, should reduce our need for additional borrowings for working capital in the near to medium term future.

Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The words anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, forecast, intend, may, objective, plan, project, seek, think, will, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements are based on the company's current views and assumptions and involve risks and uncertainties that include, among other things, the ability to successfully forecast demand for our products and appropriately adjust our manufacturing and inventory levels; changes in our operating expenses; changes in interest rates; the effects of weather on the purchasing patterns of consumers and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs); actions of engine manufacturers and OEMs with whom we compete; the seasonal nature of our business; changes in laws and regulations, including environmental, tax, pension funding and accounting standards; work stoppages or other consequences of any deterioration in our employee relations; work stoppages by other unions that affect the ability of suppliers or customers to manufacture; acts of war or terrorism that may disrupt our business operations or those of our customers and suppliers; changes in customer and OEM demand; changes in prices of raw materials and parts that we purchase; changes in domestic economic conditions, including housing starts and changes in consumer confidence; changes in the market value of the assets in our defined benefit pension plan and any related funding requirements; changes in foreign economic conditions, including currency rate fluctuations; the actions of customers of our OEM customers; the ability to bring new productive capacity on line efficiently and with good quality; the ability to successfully realize the maximum market value of assets that may require disposal if products or production methods change; new facts that come to light in the future course of litigation proceedings which could affect our assessment of those matters; and other factors that may be disclosed from time to time in our SEC filings or otherwise, including the factors discussed in Item 1A, Risk Factors, of the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and in its periodic reports on Form 10-Q. Some or all of the factors may be beyond our control. We caution you that any forward-looking statement reflects only our belief at the time the statement is made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

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99.1 Press Release dated April 16, 2009 announcing results for the third quarter of fiscal 2009.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: April 16, 2009

By: /s/ James E. Brenn
James E. Brenn
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Duly Authorized Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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