

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

September 10, 2004

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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 9, 2004

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-6651
(Commission
File Number)

35-1160484
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

700 State Route 46 East
Batesville, Indiana
(Address of principal executive
offices)

47006-8835
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934-7000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On September 9, 2004, the Board of Directors of Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. approved the revision of the Corporate Governance Standards for the Board of Directors to increase the number of annual restricted stock units awarded to each non-employee director to 1,800 units, which represents an increase of 400 units. This increase is effective for Hillenbrand's fiscal year beginning October 1, 2004.

Item 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On September 9, 2004, Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors had appointed Mark D. Ketchum and Eduardo R. Menascé to the Board of Directors effective immediately. Mr. Ketchum was appointed as a Class II Director and Mr. Menascé was appointed as a Class I Director, each for terms expiring at the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

Hillenbrand also announced the following changes to the committees of its Board of Directors:

Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee

Mr. Menascé was elected to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, replacing Ray J. Hillenbrand, who resigned from the Committee. Peter H. Soderberg was elected as Chairman of the Committee, and Joanne C. Smith was elected as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Compensation and Management Development Committee

Mr. Ketchum was elected to the Compensation and Management Development Committee and appointed as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Audit Committee

Mr. Menascé was elected to the Audit Committee and appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee. Ray J. Hillenbrand resigned from the Committee.

Finance Committee

Mr. Ketchum was elected to the Finance Committee and appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibit.

99 Press release dated September 9, 2004 issued by the Company related to the
 appointment of two Board members.

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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.

DATE: September 10, 2004

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.

BY: /S/ Scott K. Sorensen

Scott K. Sorensen
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 10, 2004

BY: /S/ Gregory N. Miller

Gregory N. Miller
Vice President Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer

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Press release dated September 9, 2004 issued by the Company.

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