

STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

1000 Stanley Drive

Connecticut
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

New Britain, Connecticut 06053

06-0548860
(I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization) (Address of Principal Executive Offices Identification No.)

Including Zip Code)

**Stanley Black & Decker Employee Stock Purchase Plan
(formerly The Stanley Works Employee Stock Purchase Plan)**

(Full Title of the Plan)

Bruce H. Beatt, Esquire

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

1000 Stanley Drive

New Britain, Connecticut 06053

(860) 225-5111

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On April 17, 1996, the Board of Directors of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., a Connecticut corporation (formerly The Stanley Works, and herein referenced as the Registrant), declared a two-for-one common stock split (the Stock Split) effected by the distribution of one additional share of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$2.50 per share (the Common Stock) for each share of Common Stock then outstanding. Such distribution was made on or about June 3, 1996 to shareholders of record as of May 13, 1996. Pursuant to Rule 416(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), the Registrant hereby amends its registration statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 033-62565), filed on September 12, 1995 (the Registration Statement), to reflect that, as a result of the Stock Split, the number of shares of Common Stock registered for issuance under the Stanley Black & Decker Employee Stock Purchase Plan (formerly The Stanley Works Employee Stock Purchase Plan), as amended (the Plan), increased from 3,000,000 to 6,000,000. Such Registration Statement is further amended to reflect that, in accordance with Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act, the number of shares of Common Stock registered shall include such additional shares of Common Stock that may be issued from time to time under the Plan as the result of any future stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding shares of Common Stock.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission):

- (1) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013;
- (2) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 29, 2014
- (3) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 28, 2014;
- (4) Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on April 17, 2014 and October 6, 2014;
- (5) the description of the Common Stock contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), on November 1, 1985, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description (including the amendment filed on March 12, 2010); and
- (6) the description of the rights associated with the Common Stock contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A/A, filed with the Commission on July 23, 2004, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description (including the amendment filed on December 22, 2009).

In addition, all documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTEREST OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

The validity of the Common Stock being registered pursuant to this Registration Statement has been passed upon by Bruce H. Beatt, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Registrant. Mr. Beatt holds options to purchase the Registrant's Common Stock, owns shares of the Registrant's Common Stock and is a participant in the Plan.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Connecticut Business Corporations Act. Sections 33-770 through 33-776 of the Connecticut Business Corporation Act provide that a corporation in Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.'s circumstances may indemnify a director or officer against judgments, fines, penalties, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses actually incurred by him, including attorneys' fees, for actions brought against him in his capacity as a director or officer, when it is determined by certain disinterested parties that he acted in good faith in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the corporation's best interest (or in the case of conduct not in his official capacity, at least not opposed to the best interests of the corporation). In any criminal action or proceeding, it also must be determined that the director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. The director or officer must be indemnified when he is wholly successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of a proceeding or in circumstances where a court determines that he is entitled to indemnification or that it is fair and reasonable that the director or officer be indemnified. In connection with shareholder derivative suits, the director or officer may not be indemnified except for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding (and then only if it is determined that he met the relevant standard of conduct described above), subject, however, to courts' power under Section 33-774 to order indemnification. Unless ordered by a court under Section 33-774, a corporation may not indemnify a director with respect to conduct for which he was adjudged liable on the basis that he received a financial benefit to which he was not entitled, whether or not he was acting in his official capacity.

Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. Certificate of Incorporation provides that no director of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. will be personally liable to Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. or any of its shareholders for monetary damages in an amount greater than the compensation received by that director for serving Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. during the year of the violation to the extent permitted by applicable law, which permits such limitation provided that such violation must not involve a knowing and culpable violation of law, enable the director or an affiliate to receive an improper personal gain, show a lack of good faith and a conscious disregard for the director's duty to the corporation, amount to an abdication of the director's duty to the corporation, or create liability for an unlawful distribution. Our bylaws also provide for the indemnification of directors and officers to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Directors & Officers Insurance. Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. has purchased insurance providing officers and directors of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. (and their heirs and other legal representatives) coverage against certain liabilities arising from any negligent act, error, omission or breach of duty claimed against them solely by reason of their being such officers and directors, and providing coverage for Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. against its obligation to provide indemnification as required by the above-described statute.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The exhibits to this Registration Statement are listed in the Exhibit Index, which appears at the end of this Registration Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement;

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement;

(2) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof; and

(3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New Britain, State of Connecticut, on this 23rd day of October, 2014.

STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt
Name: Bruce H. Beatt
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on this 23rd day of October, 2014.

Signature	Title
*	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors
John F. Lundgren	(Principal Executive Officer)
*	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Donald Allan Jr.	(Principal Financial Officer)
*	Chief Accounting Officer
Jocelyn S. Belisle	(Principal Accounting Officer)
*	Director
George W. Buckley	
*	Director
Patrick D. Campbell	
*	Director
Carlos M. Cardoso	
*	Director
Robert B. Coutts	
*	Director
Debra A. Crew	

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* Director
Benjamin H. Griswold, IV

* Director
Anthony Luiso

* Director
Marianne Miller Parrs

* Director
Robert L. Ryan

* By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt
Bruce H. Beatt
Attorney-in-Fact

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 13, 2010).
- 3.2 Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 13, 2010).
- 3.3 Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(iii) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 13, 2010).
- 3.4 Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 9, 2010).
- 3.5 Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated April 17, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 2, 2012).
- 3.6 Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 16, 2013).
- 4.1 Specimen of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 dated November 6, 2003).
- 4.2 (a) Rights Agreement, dated as of January 19, 2006, between the Registrant and Computershare Investor Services L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A dated February 22, 2006).
- (b) Amendment No. 1 dated as of December 21, 2009 to the Rights Agreement, dated as of January 19, 2006, between The Stanley Works and the Computershare Investor Services L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 21, 2009).
- 5.1* Opinion of Bruce H. Beatt as to legality (Connecticut Law Opinion).
- 23.1* Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.3* Consent of Bruce H. Beatt (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1* Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. Power of Attorney.

* Filed herewith.