

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 the earliest event reported)
February 25, 2009

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13905
(Commission
File Number)

57-0981653
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75240-2697
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(972) 448-1400

(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 (see General Instruction A.2):

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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 of this current report, the registrant hereby furnishes the information set forth in its press release issued on February 25, 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including the exhibit, the registrant furnishes in this report is not deemed "filed" for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Registration statements or other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission shall not incorporate this information by reference, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Exhibit Index</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 25, 2009 issued by the registrant.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ A. Andrew R. Louis
A. Andrew R. Louis
Secretary

Date: February 25, 2009

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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COMPX REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER 2008 RESULTS

DALLAS, TEXAS ... February 25, 2009 ... CompX International Inc. (NYSE: CIX) announced today sales of \$37.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2008 compared to \$42.5 million in the same period of 2007. Operating income was \$3.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2008 compared to \$1.2 million in the same period in 2007. Operating income in the fourth quarter of 2007 was negatively impacted by \$1.9 million in expenses relating to the consolidation of three of the company's northern Illinois facilities into one new facility. Fourth quarter 2008 operating income was positively impacted by the favorable effect of changes in currency exchange rates of \$1.4 million compared to the previous year. Net income for the fourth quarter of 2008 was \$700,000, or \$0.06 per diluted share, compared to \$500,000, or \$0.04 per diluted share, in 2007.

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$165.5 million compared to \$177.7 million in the previous year. Excluding a third quarter non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$9.9 million relating to the Marine Components segment, operating income was \$16.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to operating income of \$15.6 million for 2007, although 2007 operating income was impacted by \$2.7 million in facility consolidation costs. Including the goodwill impairment charge, operating income for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$6.2 million. The impairment charge is not deductible for tax purposes, and therefore there is no income tax benefit associated with the charge for financial reporting purposes. As a result, the Company reported a net loss of \$3.1 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, for year ended December 31, 2008 compared to net income of \$9.0 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share, in 2007. The non-cash goodwill impairment charge did not affect the Company's liquidity, cash flows or debt covenant compliance and will not have any impact on future operations. The goodwill impairment charge impacted the 2008 net loss by \$9.9 million or \$0.80 per share.

Net sales comparisons were unfavorably impacted by lower order rates from most customers across all business segments due to general economic conditions. Excluding the goodwill impairment charge, operating income comparisons were primarily impacted by the net result of lower order rates from many of our customers due to unfavorable economic conditions in North America and increased raw material costs, offset by the favorable effects of facility consolidation costs incurred in 2007, the continuation of cost reductions throughout 2008 and changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

"One of our main strategies is to continuously improve operational and cost structure efficiencies. This is serving us well in this economic downturn as we are able to reduce the impact on cash flow of lower customer demand by having processes, equipment and facilities that are somewhat flexible to changes in order rates. Unfortunately, this does not totally offset the effect of current economic conditions and results in the painful process of reducing headcount, which we have addressed throughout the year," commented David A. Bowers, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We expect the effect of the current economy to be even more of a challenge in 2009 and therefore our goal is to manage the business based on customer demand without hampering resources and infrastructure required for the long term."

Mr. Bowers continued, "In addition to working diligently to control costs, we are also increasing our efforts to identify new markets and applications for our products in order to mitigate the impact of the economy on sales as well as develop a more diversified product and customer base that we can leverage when the economy recovers."

CompX is a leading manufacturer of security products, furniture components and performance marine components. It operates from six locations in the U.S., Canada and Taiwan and employs approximately 1,000 people.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this release relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements based upon management's belief and assumptions using currently available information. Although CompX believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot give any assurances that these expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements, by their nature, involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results, and actual future results could differ materially from those described in such forward-looking statements. While it is not possible to identify all factors, CompX continues to face many risks and uncertainties. Among the factors that could cause actual future results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, general economic and political conditions, changes in raw material and other operating costs, demand for office furniture, service industry employment levels, competitive products and prices, fluctuations in currency exchange rates, the introduction of trade barriers, potential difficulties in integrating completed acquisitions, the ability to sustain or increase operating income improvement resulting from cost control initiatives, uncertainties associated with the development of new product features and other risks and uncertainties detailed in CompX's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Should one or more of these risks materialize or if the consequences worsen, or if the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those currently forecasted or expected. CompX disclaims any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise such statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Explanation of CompX's Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to results presented in accordance with GAAP, this news release includes non-GAAP financial measures relating to excluding the goodwill impairment charge from GAAP operating income. CompX believes this non-GAAP financial measure provides information useful to investors in understanding the underlying operational performance of the company, its business and performance trends. Specifically, the Company believes the exclusion of goodwill impairment permits evaluation and a comparison of results for on-going business operations, and it is on this basis that CompX's management internally assesses the company's performance. The goodwill impairment is excluded from CompX's segment measures used internally to evaluate segment performance in accordance with GAAP because management does not consider the impairment particularly relevant or useful in evaluating the operating performance of our business segments. Although CompX believes the above non-GAAP financial measure enhances investors' understanding of its business and performance, this non-GAAP financial measure should not be considered an alternative to GAAP basis financial measures.

Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures:

	Operating income		
	Including the effect of the goodwill impairment charge (GAAP)	Goodwill impairment charge	Excluding the effect of the goodwill impairment charge (Non-GAAP)
	(Dollars in millions)		
Year ended December 31, 2008:			
Operating income	\$6.2	\$9.9	\$16.1

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COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.
SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS
(In millions, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	(Unaudited)			
Net sales	\$ 42.5	\$ 37.4	\$ 177.7	\$ 165.5
Cost of goods sold	<u>33.2</u>	<u>29.3</u>	<u>132.5</u>	<u>125.2</u>
Gross margin	9.3	8.1	45.2	40.3
Selling, general and administrative expense	6.1	5.6	25.8	24.8
Goodwill impairment	-	-	-	9.9
Facility consolidation costs	1.9	-	2.7	-
Other operating income (loss), net	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Operating income	1.2	3.1	15.6	6.2
Interest expense	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.8)	(2.4)
Other non-operating income, net	<u>0.2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>0.3</u>
Income before income taxes	0.8	2.6	15.9	4.1
Provision for income taxes	<u>0.3</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>6.9</u>	<u>7.2</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 0.5</u>	<u>\$ 0.7</u>	<u>\$ 9.0</u>	<u>\$ (3.1)</u>
Net income per diluted common share	<u>\$ 0.04</u>	<u>\$ 0.06</u>	<u>\$ 0.61</u>	<u>\$ (0.25)</u>
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	<u>13.2</u>	<u>12.4</u>	<u>14.8</u>	<u>12.4</u>

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions)

	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2008
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 18.4	\$ 14.4
Accounts receivable, net	20.4	16.8
Inventories, net	24.3	22.7
Deferred income taxes and other	3.8	4.7
Note receivable	1.3	0.9
Total current assets	68.2	59.5
Intangibles	43.3	32.9
Net property and equipment	72.2	67.4
Assets held for sale	3.1	3.5
Other assets	0.9	0.1
Total assets	\$ 187.7	\$ 163.4
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of note payable to affiliate	\$ 0.3	\$ 1.0
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	17.7	14.3
Interest payable to affiliate	0.5	0.5
Income taxes	0.4	1.2
Total current liabilities	18.9	17.0
Note payable to affiliate	49.7	42.0
Deferred income taxes	15.0	13.1
Stockholders' equity	104.1	91.3
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 187.7	\$ 163.4
