

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2005

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): December 21, 2005

**KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

000-00121  
(Commission  
File Number)

23-1498399  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2101 Blair Mill Road, Willow Grove, PA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19090  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (215) 784-6000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On December 21, 2005, Philip V. Gerdine, 66, notified the Company that he was retiring from the Board of Directors of the Company, effective December 31, 2005.

**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.

**KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Date: December 21, 2005

By: /s/ Maurice E. Carson  
Maurice E. Carson

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer