

STANLEY WORKS  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 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):

October 18, 2004

The Stanley Works

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

1-5244

06-0548860

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut

06053

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(860) 225-5111

Not Applicable

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

The Stanley Works has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Home Decor business to Wellspring Capital Management LLC, a New York-based private equity investment firm.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated October 18, 2004, issued by The Stanley Works, announcing that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Home Decor business to Wellspring Capital Management LLC, a New York-based private equity investment firm.

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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.

The Stanley Works

*October 19, 2004*

By: */s/ Bruce H. Beatt*

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*Name: Bruce H. Beatt*

*Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel*

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | The Stanley Works press release dated October 18, 2004, announcing that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Home Decor business to Wellspring Capital Management LLC, a New York-based private equity investment firm. |