

STARRETT L S CO
Form 8-K
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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): April 28, 2006

THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts	1-367	04-1866480
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

121 CRESCENT STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS 01331

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number: 978-249-3551

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

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(17 CFR 230.425)

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Bank of America Credit Agreement

Effective April 28, 2006 the Company entered into a credit facility with Bank of America comprised of a \$10 million revolving credit facility (the Revolver), a \$3 million sub-limit under the Revolver for the issuance of letters of credit, and a \$12 million reducing revolving (the Reducing Revolver) credit facility. The Revolver requires a commitment fee of .25%. Interest rates on all the above credit facilities vary from LIBOR plus 1.25% to LIBOR plus 2.0% depending on funded debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) ratio, as defined in the credit facility. On April 28, 2006 the Company borrowed \$12 million under the Reducing Revolver to finance the Tru-Stone Technologies, Inc. acquisition described below. The Reducing Revolver shall reduce by one fifth of the original amount at the end of each year until fully repaid.

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Tru-Stone Technologies Asset Purchase Agreement

On April 28, 2006, Starrett Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an asset purchase agreement with Tru-Stone Technologies, Inc. (Tru-Stone), pursuant to which the Company purchased all of the assets of Tru-Stone for \$19.8 million in cash. The asset purchase was financed through existing cash and investments and the Reducing Revolver described above. In connection with the asset purchase agreement, \$1.9 million of the purchase price was placed into escrow to support the indemnification obligations of Tru-Stone and its shareholders. Tru-Stone is a leading provider of high precision, custom engineered machine base and accessory solutions. The Company is in the process of completing the purchase price allocation based on the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities acquired.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 2.1*

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Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of April 28, 2006 (the Asset Purchase Agreement) by and among Starrett Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (together with its successors-in-interest, the Buyer), Tru-Stone Technologies, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (the Company), St. Cloud Industries, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (St. Cloud) and each individual shareholder of St. Cloud that signed the Asset Purchase Agreement (the Shareholders , and together with the Company and St. Cloud, the Sellers).

Exhibit 10.1*

Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of April 28, 2006 (the Credit Agreement) by and among The L.S. Starrett Company, a Massachusetts corporation (the Borrower), the Lenders from time to time party thereto (the Lenders), and Bank Of America, N.A. (Bank of America), as Agent, a national banking association (the Agent). The Credit Agreement amends and restates in its entirety the Credit Agreement dated as of June 13, 2000 among the Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., formerly known as Fleet National Bank, as Agent, and the other Lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended from time to time (the Existing Credit Agreement).

*Certain disclosure schedules and exhibits to these agreements have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Registrant will furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

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.

THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY

Date: May 3, 2006 By: s/Randall J. Hylek

Name: Randall J. Hylek

Title: Treasurer and

Chief Financial Officer