
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): August 2, 2005

ACTUANT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-11288
(Commission File Number)

39-0168610
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6100 North Baker Road
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 352-4160

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. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (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))
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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On August 2, 2005, Actuant Corporation issued a press release announcing an annual dividend of \$0.08 per common share payable on October 14, 2005 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on September 30, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press release issued by Actuant Corporation dated August 2, 2005.

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.

ACTUANT CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: August 3, 2005

By: /s/ Andrew G. Lampereur
Andrew G. Lampereur
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1

Press release issued by Actuant Corporation dated August 2, 2005.

ACTUANT INITIATES ANNUAL DIVIDEND

MILWAUKEE, WI, August 02, 2005 -- Actuant Corporation (NYSE: ATU) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved the initiation of a cash dividend on the Company's common stock. The Board declared an annual dividend of \$0.08 per common share payable on October 14, 2005 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 30, 2005.

"The decision to initiate a cash dividend reflects our track record of generating consistent cash flow and our confidence in Actuant's future," commented Robert C. Arzbaecher, President and CEO of Actuant. "Actuant has had a remarkable first five years since its spin-off in July, 2000. We substantially improved our balance sheet and market capitalization, have significantly grown sales and profits, and positioned the Company for an exciting future. The initiation of a dividend is a reflection of our success, and allows us to provide a modest cash return to our shareholders without compromising our ability to aggressively pursue additional growth opportunities."

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain of the above comments represent forward-looking statements made pursuant to the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Management cautions that these statements are based on current estimates of future performance and are highly dependent upon a variety of factors, which could cause actual results to differ from these estimates. Actuant's results are also subject to general economic conditions, variation in demand from customers, the impact of geopolitical activity on the economy, continued market acceptance of the Company's new product introductions, the successful integration of acquisitions and related restructuring, operating margin risk due to competitive pricing and operating efficiencies, supply chain risk, material and labor cost increases, foreign currency fluctuations and interest rate risk. See the Company's registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for further information regarding risk factors.

About Actuant

Actuant, headquartered in Glendale, Wisconsin, is a diversified industrial company with operations in over 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are market leaders in highly engineered position and motion control systems and branded hydraulic and electrical tools and supplies. Formerly known as Applied Power Inc., Actuant was created in 2000 after the spin-off of Applied Power's electronics business segment into a separate public company called APW Ltd. Since 2000, Actuant has grown its sales run rate from \$482 million to over \$1 billion and its market capitalization from \$113 million to over \$1.4 billion. The company employs a workforce of more than 5,000 worldwide. Actuant Corporation trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its business units, visit the Company's website at www.actuant.com.
