

SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

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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): March 11, 2008

SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-6615  
(Commission File Number)

95-2594729  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

7800 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, California  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91406  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (818) 781-4973

N/A

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

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(a) At a meeting on March 11, 2008, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Superior Industries International, Inc., a California corporation (the "Company"), concluded that the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003, as well as its interim financial statements for those years, and the first three quarterly periods of fiscal 2007, should no longer be relied upon because of errors in such financial statements. As a result of these errors, in accordance with Statement on Financial Accounting Standard No. 154 – Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, the Company will restate the financial statements identified above. The errors identified by the Company relate to errors in recording deferred tax liabilities, including the reconciliation of these deferred tax amounts to the underlying accounting records. In addition, the Company identified errors relating to its accounting for its equity method investment, Suoftec, related to inventory accounting on a U.S. GAAP basis and accounting for deferred income taxes.

The Company has identified corrections to its prior years' income tax provisions and related deferred tax liabilities, as well as to its equity investment income amounts, that will require adjustments to the financial statements. As our evaluation of these errors is ongoing, the Company is presently only able to provide estimates of the impact of the restatement adjustments on our previously issued financial statements, as follows. The adjustments related to income taxes are expected to decrease net income in fiscal years 2006 and 2005, by approximately \$2.3 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and increase net income in fiscal years 2004 and 2003 by approximately \$0.6 million and \$3.8 million, respectively. In total, the Company anticipates that the cumulative impact of correcting for these income tax related errors for the periods affected would be a net increase in cumulative net income of approximately \$1.4 million. The restatements related to equity earnings of our equity method investment are estimated to increase net income in fiscal years 2006 and 2004 by approximately \$28 thousand and \$663 thousand, respectively, and decrease net income in fiscal year 2005 by approximately \$167 thousand. In total, the cumulative impact of correcting for these equity earnings related errors for the periods affected would be a net increase in cumulative net income of approximately \$524 thousand.

In light of the income tax errors, which resulted primarily from differences between the book basis and the tax basis of fixed assets not being reconciled to the underlying subsidiary ledger amounts, management has concluded that a material weakness exists in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as it relates to the accounting for deferred taxes. The Company has not yet completed its assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting at December 30, 2007, so there is no assurance that other material weaknesses will not be identified as part of completing that process.

The Company intends to provide restated financial statements for the full years 2006 and 2005 and restated financial data for full years 2004 and 2003, as well as restated interim financial information for the fiscal years 2007 and 2006, in its upcoming Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007. The Company does not intend to file amended Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q at this time. In addition, the Company expects to include in such Form 10-K management's conclusions and further assessments relating to material weaknesses in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee has discussed the matters disclosed in this filing with its independent registered public accounting firm.

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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.

SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES  
INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: March 13, 2008

/s/ Erika H. Turner  
Erika H. Turner  
Chief Financial Officer