

MAGNA INTERNATIONAL INC
Form 40-F
March 30, 2009

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 40-F

☐ **REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

OR

☒ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(a) or 15(d) of THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

Commission File Number 001-11444

Magna International Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's name into English (if applicable))

Province of Ontario, Canada

(Province of other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

3714

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code number (if applicable))

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Not Applicable

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number (if applicable))

337 Magna Drive, Aurora, Ontario, Canada L4G 7K1 (905) 726-2462

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

CT Corporation System, 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019 (212) 664-1666

(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code)
of agent for service in the United States)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Subordinate Voting Shares	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act. **None**

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act. **None**

For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this Form:

☒ Annual Information Form ☐ Audited Annual Financial Statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report

111,879,059 Class A Subordinate Voting Shares

726,829 Class B Shares

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by filing the information contained in this Form is also hereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). If "Yes" is marked, indicate the filing number assigned to the Registrant in connection with such Rule. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing

Not Applicable

requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM

The Registrant's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Annual Information Form").

2. AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008 (the "Annual Shareholders' Report") was previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") as Exhibit 99 to the Registrant's Report on Form 6-K dated March 27, 2009. For the Registrant's consolidated audited annual financial statements, including the independent auditors' report relating to such financial statements, see pages 39 to 79 and page 40, respectively, of the Annual Shareholders' Report. See note 26 to the Registrant's consolidated audited annual financial statements, on pages 76 to 79 of the Annual Shareholders' Report, reconciling the important differences between Canadian and United States generally accepted accounting principles. For the Registrant's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Position, see pages 6 to 38 of the Annual Shareholders' Report.

3. WEBSITE INFORMATION

Notwithstanding any reference to the Registrant's website on the World Wide Web in the Annual Information Form or in the documents attached or incorporated as exhibits hereto, the information contained in the Registrant's website, or any other site on the World Wide Web referred to in the Registrant's website, is not a part of this annual report on Form 40-F and, therefore, is not filed with the Commission.

4. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Registrant has made in the documents filed as part of this annual report on Form 40-F, and from time to time may otherwise make forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 21E of the Exchange Act and Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, and related assumptions concerning its operations, economic performance and financial matters. Actual results or events could differ materially from those set forth in, or implied by, the forward-looking statements and the related assumptions due to a variety of factors. Reference is made to the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" on page i of the Annual Information Form for a discussion of such factors.

5. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Registrant's Co-Chief Executive Officers and its Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer are responsible for establishing and maintaining the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act)

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and internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act).

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that material information required to be disclosed in reports under the Exchange Act is communicated in a timely manner to senior management to enable them to make timely decisions regarding public disclosure of such information. The Registrant has conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2008 under the supervision, and with the participation of, its Co-Chief Executive Officers and its Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer. Based on this evaluation, the Registrant's Co-Chief Executive Officers and its Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that material information relating to it (including all consolidated subsidiaries) is communicated to them and information required to be disclosed by the Registrant is made known to them and information required to be disclosed by the Registrant is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Registrant is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Registrant. Such management has used the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework to evaluate the effectiveness of the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Due to its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. Additionally, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. The Registrant's Co-Chief Executive Officers and its Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer assessed the effectiveness of the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting and concluded that, as at December 31, 2008, such internal control over financial reporting is effective and that there were no material weaknesses in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting. Ernst & Young LLP, which has audited the Registrant's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, has also issued a report on internal controls under the auditing standards of the Public Companies Accounting Oversight Board (United States). This report is located on page 41 of the Annual Shareholders' Report.

Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes to the Registrant's internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

6. AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

The Registrant has a separately designated standing audit committee of its Board of Directors (the "Audit Committee"), which is currently comprised of the following members of the Registrant's Board of Directors: Donald Resnick (Chairman), Louis E. Lataif and Lawrence D. Worrall.

The Registrant's Board of Directors has determined that each of Mr. Resnick, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Worrall is an audit committee financial expert and that each member of the Audit Committee is independent and financially literate, as such terms are defined in the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and Exchange Act Rule 10A-3.

7. CODE OF ETHICS

The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of its employees, including its Co-Chief Executive Officers, its Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, its Vice-President, Finance and its Controller and other persons performing similar functions. The text of such code of ethics is contained in the Registrant's Code of Conduct and Ethics, which is posted on the Corporate Governance section of

the Registrant's website at www.magna.com.

8. **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

As a foreign private issuer listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), the Registrant is required to disclose the significant ways in which its corporate governance practices differ from those to be followed by U.S. domestic issuers under the NYSE listing standards. The Registrant has disclosed on its website (www.magna.com) a Statement of Significant Corporate Governance Differences (NYSE), which discloses such differences.

9. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP, the Registrant's principal accountant (the Auditor), are as follows:

Type of Services	Fiscal 2008		Fiscal 2007	
	Fees	% of Total	Fees	% of Total
Audit Services	\$ 9,131,000	93.9%	\$ 12,232,000	92.1%
Audit-Related Services	146,000	1.5%	217,000	1.6%
Tax Services	410,000	4.2%	815,000	6.1%
Other Services	34,000	0.4%	24,000	0.2%
Total	\$ 9,721,000	100%	\$ 13,288,000	100%

The services comprising the Audit Services category for these two fiscal years were performed by the Auditor to comply with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS). In some cases, fees in this category may include an appropriate allocation of fees for tax services or accounting consultations, to the extent such services were necessary to comply with GAAS. This category includes fees incurred in connection with the audit of our internal controls and the Auditor's opinion on Management's assessment of our internal controls for purposes of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

The services comprising the Audit-Related Services category for these two fiscal years consisted of fees paid in respect of assurance and related services (e.g. due diligence), including such things as employee benefit plan audits, due diligence relating to mergers and acquisitions, accounting consultations and audits in connection with acquisitions, attest services that are not required by statute or regulation and consultation concerning financial accounting and reporting standards. The most significant audit-related services actually provided by the Auditor in respect of fiscal 2008 and 2007 related to benefit plan audits.

The services comprising the Tax Services category for these two fiscal years consisted of all fees paid in respect of services performed by the Auditor's tax professionals, except those services required in order to comply with GAAS which are included under Audit services. Tax services include tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. The tax services actually provided by the Auditor in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 consisted of Canadian, U.S., European and Mexican tax compliance, advisory and research services.

The category Other Services captures fees in respect of all services not falling under any of the previous categories.

The Audit Committee has a process for pre-approving all services provided by, and related fees to be paid to, the Auditor. This process includes reviewing, on a quarterly basis, the details and associated costs of the services expected to be provided. Audit Committee approval is required for any services that have not been previously approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee considers whether such services are consistent with the Commission's rules on auditor independence. The Audit Committee also considers whether the Auditor is best positioned to provide the most effective and efficient service, for reasons such as its familiarity with the Registrant's business, people, culture, accounting systems, risk profile, and whether the services enhance the Registrant's ability to manage or control risks and improve audit quality. None of the services provided by the Auditor in 2008 were treated as exempt from pre-approval pursuant to the de minimis provision of paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

**10. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS AND TABULAR DISCLOSURE
OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

For disclosure of the Registrant's off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on the Registrant's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors, see page 25 of the Annual Shareholders' Report, under the section entitled "Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Financing".

For the tabular disclosure regarding the Registrant's known contractual obligations, with amounts aggregated by the type of contractual obligation, see page 25 of the Annual Shareholders' Report, under the section entitled "Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Financing".

UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

A. Undertaking

Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to: the securities registered pursuant to Form 40-F; the securities in relation to which the obligation to file an annual report on Form 40-F arises; or transactions in said securities.

B. Consent to Service of Process

A Form F-X signed by the Registrant and its agent for service of process was previously filed with the Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: MAGNA INTERNATIONAL INC.

By (Signature and Title): */s/ Bassem A. Shakeel*
Bassem A. Shakeel
Senior Legal Counsel and Secretary

Date: March 27, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 1	Annual Information Form of the Registrant dated March 27, 2009.
Exhibit 2	Registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the Year Ended December 31, 2008, which contains the Registrant's audited financial statements as at and for the three-year period ended December 31, 2008 and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Position (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99 to Registrant's Report on Form 6-K dated March 27, 2009).
Exhibit 3	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
Exhibit 99.1	Certificate of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (D. Walker)
Exhibit 99.2	Certificate of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (S. Wolf)
Exhibit 99.3	Certificate of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (V. Galifi)
Exhibit 99.4	Certificate of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (D. Walker)
Exhibit 99.5	Certificate of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (S. Wolf)
Exhibit 99.6	Certificate of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (V. Galifi)