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STANLEY WORKS Form 8-K May 21, 2003

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

May 20, 2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

The Stanley Works

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

1-5224

06-0548860

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation

Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut 06053

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (860) 225-5111

Not Applicable.

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On May 20, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing that John M. Trani, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will retire effective December 31, 2003. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 20, 2003

SIGNATURES

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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.

THE STANLEY WORKS (Registrant)

Date: May 20, 2003

By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt

Name: Bruce H. Beatt Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1

Description

Press Release dated May 20, 2003