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STANLEY WORKS Form 8-K January 12, 2004

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): January 12, 2004 (January 12, 2004)

THE STANLEY WORKS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut 1-5244 06-0548860 (State or other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification Number)

1000 Stanley Drive 06053

New Britain, Connecticut (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

The Stanley Works today announced that holders of more than 81% of the outstanding shares of Blick plc have accepted its offer of (pound)3.00 (U.S.\$5.54) per Blick share, either in cash or by electing to receive their consideration in the form of loans. In addition, Stanley announced that the offer is being extended for 7 days and will remain open for acceptance until the next closing date, which will be 3:00 p.m. London Time (10:00 a.m. EST) on January 16, 2004.

A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

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(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release, dated January 12, 2004, issued by The Stanley

Works, announcing that holders of more than 81% of the outstanding shares of Blick plc have accepted its offer and that the offer is being extended 7 days until January 16,

2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE STANLEY WORKS

/s/ Bruce H. Beatt

Date: January 12, 2004 Name: Bruce H. Beatt

Title: Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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