

SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

September 11, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

September 11, 2009  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-13948  
(Commission file number)

62-1612879  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 North Point Center East,  
Suite 600  
Alpharetta, Georgia  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

30022  
(Zip code)

1-800-514-0186  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- 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 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

As part of Schweitzer-Mauduit International Inc.'s (the Company's) strategy to restructure its base tobacco-paper business to make it more cost competitive, employees at PDM, located in Quimperlé, France were notified September 10, 2009 of the initiation of consultations with the unions and the Work's Council regarding intended reductions of employment levels by 106 people, or 15% of the current workforce. The contemplated reduction of PDM employment levels, primarily among general staff, is made possible by the installation of an enterprise resource planning computer system as well as the now nearly concluded closure of the Malaucène finished tipping facility, both of which reduce administrative requirements.

Meetings with the unions and the Work's Council must be completed before the amount of the restructuring expenses, timing and ongoing benefits of the changes can be definitively known. However, cash severance expenses associated with this action are expected to total approximately \$14 million through the planned completion of the actions in the second quarter of 2010 and result in annual pre-tax savings of approximately \$8 million, or \$0.36 per share, with roughly half of this savings to be realized during 2010.

Restructuring expenses associated with this action will be recorded beginning in the third quarter of 2009 through the expected second quarter 2010 completion of the staff reductions. Financing of the approximate \$14 million in projected cash severance expenses, which are expected to be paid by the end of 2011, can be fully secured through internally generated funds and Schweitzer-Mauduit's existing bank credit facilities.

Certain of the above statements regarding employee reductions, restructuring expense, resulting benefits and the timing of those actions constitute "forward-looking statements." For those statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There can be no assurance that these forward-looking statements will be accurate since they are based on many assumptions which involve risks and uncertainties. The following important factors could cause the estimated employee reductions, earnings impacts and restructuring expenses to differ: changes in economic or industry conditions; issues arising from rationalization of operations; and other risks identified in our Securities and Exchange Commission reports and public announcements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

On September 11, 2009, we issued a press release announcing our reorganization plan for our largest French mill (attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated September 11, 2009, of Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc., announcing reorganization plan at its largest French mill.

SIGNATURES

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.

Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc.

By: /s/ Peter J. Thompson  
Peter J. Thompson  
Treasurer, Chief Financial and Strategic  
Planning Officer

Dated: September 11, 2009

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