

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): June 8, 2005

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Johnson Outdoors Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Wisconsin  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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0-16255  
(Commission File Number)

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39-1536083  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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555 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(262) 631-6600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On June 8, 2005, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Paul A. Lehmann, the Company's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will be leaving the Company at the end of July 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release of Johnson Outdoors Inc. Issued June 8, 2005

**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.

**JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

Date: June 9, 2005

BY /s/ Alisa Swire  
Alisa Swire, Vice President, Business  
Development and Legal Affairs

**JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

**Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K**

**Exhibit  
Number**

99.1 Press Release of Johnson Outdoors Inc. Issued June 8, 2005.

**JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC. ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE SEARCH**

Racine, Wis.—(BUSINESS WIRE)—June 8, 2005—Johnson Outdoors Inc. (Nasdaq: JOUT) today announced initiation of an executive search for a new Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to replace Paul A. Lehmann who is leaving the Company. Russell Reynolds Associates, a leading executive recruitment firm, has been retained to assist the Company in its search.

Mr. Lehmann will remain in his current role thru the end of July 2005 to assist in the transition. At that time, Mr. David W. Johnson, the Company's Director of Treasury Services and Financial Analysis, will become Interim Chief Financial Officer and serve in that capacity until the Company hires a new CFO.

"I want to thank Paul for all his efforts and wish him the best in his future endeavors," said Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Johnson Outdoors Inc.

**ABOUT JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

Johnson Outdoors is a leading global outdoor recreation company that turns ideas into adventure with innovative, top-quality products. The company designs, manufactures and markets a portfolio of winning, consumer-preferred brands across four categories: Watercraft, Marine Electronics, Diving and Outdoor Equipment. Johnson Outdoors' familiar brands include, among others: Old Town<sup>®</sup> canoes and kayaks; Ocean Kayak<sup>™</sup>, Necky<sup>™</sup> kayaks; Escape<sup>®</sup> electric boats, Minn Kota<sup>®</sup> motors; Humminbird<sup>®</sup> fishfinders; Scubapro<sup>®</sup> and UWATEC<sup>®</sup> dive equipment, and Eureka!<sup>®</sup> tents. The company has 24 locations around the world, employs 1,500 people and reported annual sales of \$355 million in 2004.

Visit Johnson Outdoors online at [www.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://www.johnsonoutdoors.com).

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