

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): April 24, 2006

Johnson Outdoors Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-16255

(Commission File Number)

39-1536083

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

555 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(262) 631-6600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 April 24, 2006, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Jervis B. Perkins, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer, will be leaving the Company effective Friday May 5, 2006. 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 April 24, 2006

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: April 25, 2006

BY /s/ David W. Johnson
David W. Johnson, Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.

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Johnson Outdoors Inc. Announces Management Departure

RACINE, Wisconsin, April 24, 2006 - Johnson Outdoors Inc. (Nasdaq: JOUT) today announced that Jervis B. Perkins has resigned to pursue other interests. Mr. Perkins has served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer (COO) since January 2003 and as President and COO since December 2004.

Mr. Perkins will remain in his current role through May 5, 2006 to assist in transition. The Company has no plans to fill the position left vacant by his departure at this time.

"I want to thank Jerry for his contributions to the Company and I wish him well in his future endeavors," said Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

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® canoes and kayaks; Ocean Kayak® and Necky® kayaks; Escape® electric boats; Minn Kota® motors; Cannon® downriggers; Humminbird®, Bottomline® and Fishin' Buddy® fishfinders; Scubapro® and UWATEC® dive equipment; Silva® compasses and digital instruments; and Eureka!® tents. The company has 23 locations around the world, employs 1,300 people and reported annual sales of \$381 million in 2005.

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