

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): May 27, 2005

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- 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 8.01. Other Events.**

On May 27, 2005, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the award of a \$15.9 million urgent need military tent order from the United States government. 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 May 27, 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 1, 2005

By: /s/ Jervis B. Perkins  
Jervis B. Perkins, President and  
Chief Operating Officer

**JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

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99.1 Press Release of Johnson Outdoors Inc. Issued May 27, 2005.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Johnson Outdoors Receives \$15.9 Million Military Tent Order**  
*Urgent Need MGPTS Order Keeps Tent Production Going*

**RACINE, WISCONSIN, May 27, 2005...**Johnson Outdoors Inc. (JOUT: Nasdaq), maker of Eureka!® tents, has been awarded a \$15.9 million urgent need military tent order. The government order calls for delivery of 2,510 modular general purpose tent systems (MGPTS) over the next eight (8) months. Urgent need orders are awarded based on a supplier's proven capability to ensure quality and quantity at an accelerated pace.

The MGPTS, first used by U.S. troops in 1999, resulted from a joint innovation effort by the U.S. military and Johnson Outdoors targeted at providing superior all-weather tent protection. Johnson Outdoors is one of only two U.S. manufacturers qualified to produce the MGPTS. The Company's Outdoor Equipment business, headquartered in Binghamton, New York, is preparing to begin production against the order as soon as possible.

"We are grateful for the support from Congress, particularly that of Senator Clinton and Senator Kohl, which will help assure our troops of having the tents they require, and our talented and dedicated employees of the jobs they need," said Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Johnson Outdoors Inc.

In March 2005, Johnson Outdoors announced to Binghamton employees a pending elimination of permanent positions due to the significant decline of new military tent orders and contracts over the past year. The new emergency tent order ensures production of MGPTS at the Binghamton operation through the calendar year.

"Obviously, we are very pleased to have received this order; which will slow the anticipated decline of military tent sales this year. Our primary focus continues to be on achieving greater balance in the performance of all segments of the Outdoor Equipment portfolio," said Ms. Johnson-Leipold.

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According to Jerry Perkins, President and Chief Operating Officer, Johnson Outdoors, "We now expect fiscal 2005 military tent sales to decline approximately 25% versus 2004. In fiscal 2006, absent further orders or awarding of new contracts, military sales could decline further to between \$10-\$15 million. As we have stated previously, even if we are successful in winning all the military tent orders and contracts on which we have bid, they are neither of the size nor duration to bring us back to the record levels of military sales realized in either of the last two fiscal years."

#### 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; 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).**

#### SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Certain matters discussed in this press release are "forward-looking statements," intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements other than statements of historical fact are considered forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those currently anticipated. Factors that could affect actual results or outcomes include changes in consumer spending patterns; the Company's success in implementing its strategic plan, including its focus on innovation; actions of companies that compete with the Company; the Company's success in managing inventory; movements in foreign currencies or interest rates or commodity costs; the Company's success in restructuring of its European Diving operations; unanticipated issues related to the Company's military tent business; the success of suppliers and customers; the ability of the Company to deploy its capital successfully; adverse weather conditions; unanticipated events related to the terminated Buy-Out transaction; and other risks and uncertainties identified in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included herein are only made as of the date of this press release and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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