

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): March 22, 2005

Johnson Outdoors Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>0-16255</u>	<u>39-1536083</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(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:

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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 22, 2005, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company") held a special shareholders meeting to approve that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of October 28, 2004, by and between the Company and JO Acquisition Corp. Under the terms of the merger contemplated by the Merger Agreement, public shareholders of the Company would have received \$20.10 per share in cash, and the members of the Johnson family would have acquired 100% ownership of the Company. Approval of the Merger Agreement required, among other required votes, the affirmative vote of 66 2/3% of the votes entitled to be cast at the special meeting by shareholders other than members of the Johnson family and their affiliates or associates (the "supermajority vote"). The Company issued a press release on March 22, 2005 announcing that the Company had not obtained the supermajority vote necessary to approve the Merger Agreement. A copy of such press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed herewith:
(99) Press Release, dated March 22, 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: March 23, 2005

By: /s/ Paul A. Lehmann

Paul A. Lehmann

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release Dated March 22, 2005.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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JOHNSON OUTDOORS TO REMAIN A PUBLIC COMPANY

Racine, Wisconsin, March 22, 2005 – JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC. (Nasdaq: JOUT) today announced that while its proposed merger with JO Acquisition Corp. received enormous support from Johnson Outdoors' longstanding shareholders, it did not receive the support of some institutions that more recently became shareholders. Consequently, the company did not receive the supermajority vote of shareholders as required under Wisconsin law for approval at today's special meeting.

Helen Johnson-Leipold, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Outdoors, said, "While the outcome of today's vote isn't what we had hoped for, I want to thank all of our shareholders who supported this merger and reaffirm my strong commitment to Johnson Outdoors and its future."

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; Minn Kota® motors; Humminbird® fishfinders; SCUBAPRO® and UWATEC® dive equipment; and Eureka!® tents.

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