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STANLEY WORKS Form 8-K December 18, 2003

> 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2003 (December 18, 2003)

THE STANLEY WORKS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CONNECTICUT1-524406-0548860(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

06053

(Zip Code)

1000 STANLEY DRIVE NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT (Address of principal executive offices)

> Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (860) 225-5111

NOT APPLICABLE (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

The Stanley Works today announced a recommended offer to acquire 100% of the outstanding share capital of Blick plc, a leading U.K. integrator of security solutions, communication, and time management solutions to the commercial and industrial sectors, for (pound)3.00 (U.S.\$5.30) per Blick share in cash.

The offer values the whole of Blick's existing issued share capital at (pound)93.5 million (US\$165.1 million).

A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(C) EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release, dated December 18, 2003, issued by The Stanley Works, announcing a recommended offer to acquire 100% of the outstanding share capital of Blick plc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE STANLEY WORKS

/s/ Bruce H. Beatt

Date: December 18, 2003

Name: Bruce H. Beatt Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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