

ROCKY BRANDS, INC.

Form 8-K

July 05, 2006

**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 28, 2006

ROCKY BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

0-21026

31-1364046

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 East Canal Street, Nelsonville, Ohio

45764

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (740) 753-1951

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 1.01. Entry Into a Definitive Material Agreement.**

On June 28, 2006, Rocky Brands, Inc. (the Company ) and certain of its subsidiaries entered into Amendment No. 3 to Loan and Security Agreement with the financial institutions party thereto (each a Lender and collectively, the Lenders ), and GMAC Commercial Finance LLC ( GMAC CF ), as administrative agent and sole lead arranger for the Lenders (the GMAC CF Amendment ). Also, on June 28, 2006, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into First Amendment to Note Purchase Agreement with the note purchasers party thereto (each a Purchaser and collectively, the Purchasers ), and American Capital Financial Services, Inc. ( ACAS ), as administrative and collateral agent for the Purchasers (the ACAS Amendment ). (The GMAC CF Amendment and the ACAS Amendment are referred to herein as the Amendments. )

The Amendments provide for a new term loan of \$15,000,000 under the GMAC CF credit facility that will enable the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to make a corresponding \$15,000,000 prepayment under the term loan with ACAS. The Amendments also change some of the financial covenants of the GMAC CF and ACAS agreements.

The foregoing description of the Amendments and the transactions contemplated thereby does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Amendments. Copies of the Amendments are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2 and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

In connection with the refinancing transaction described in the Amendments, the Company incurred a charge of approximately \$400,000 or \$0.05 per diluted share in the quarter ended June 30, 2006, relating to financing charges under the initial Note Purchase Agreement with ACAS.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

See Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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

**(c) Exhibits.**

<i>Exhibit No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
10.1	Amendment No. 3 to Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2006, by and among Rocky Brands, Inc., Lifestyle Footwear, Inc., EJ Footwear LLC, HM Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, Georgia Boot LLC, Durango Boot Company LLC, Northlake Boot Company LLC, Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, Georgia Boot Properties LLC, and Lehigh Safety Shoe Properties LLC, as Borrowers, the financial institutions party thereto (each a Lender and collectively, the Lenders ), and GMAC Commercial Finance LLC, as administrative agent and sole lead arranger for the Lenders.
10.2	First Amendment to Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2006, by and among Rocky Brands, Inc., Lifestyle Footwear, Inc., EJ Footwear LLC, HM Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, Georgia Boot LLC, Durango Boot Company LLC, Northlake Boot Company LLC, Lehigh Safety Shoe Co. LLC, Georgia Boot Properties LLC, and Lehigh Safety Shoe Properties LLC, as the Loan Parties, the purchasers party thereto (each a Purchaser and collectively, the Purchaser ), and American Capital Financial Services, Inc., as administrative and collateral agent for the Purchasers.

**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.

**Rocky Brands, Inc.**

Date: July 5, 2006

By: /s/ James E. McDonald  
James E. McDonald, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer

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