SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL INC Form 8-K

September 20, 2006

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# 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): September 15, 2006

#### SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-6615 (Commission File Number) 95-2594729 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7800 Woodley Avenue Van Nuys, California

91406

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (818) 781-4973

N/A

(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

Superior Industries International, Inc. issued a press release on September 15, 2006, announcing the planned closure of its wheel manufacturing facility located in Johnson City, Tennessee, that will result in a lay off of approximately 500 employees. The planned closure of the Johnson City facility, which is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2007, was decided upon on September 15, 2006. This is the latest step in our program to rationalize our production capacity after the recent announcements by our customers of sweeping production cuts, particularly in the light truck and sport utility platforms, that have reduced our requirements for the near future. We expect to incur severance and other costs related to the closure of this facility of approximately \$1.0 million over the next six months. Impairment charges, if any, associated with the closing of this facility will be recorded as of September 30, 2006. This Form 8-K contains statements that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the company s business based, in part, on assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements due to numerous factors and risks discussed from time to time in the company s Securities and Exchange Commission filings and reports. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, and general domestic and international economic conditions. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated September 15, 2006, issued by Superior Industries International, Inc., announcing the planned closure of the company s wheel manufacturing facility located in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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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.

SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: September 20, 2006

/s/ R. Jeffrey Ornstein

R. Jeffrey Ornstein Vice President and Chief Financial Officer