

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

July 21, 2006 (July 18, 2006)

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

Hurco Companies, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Indiana
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-9143
(Commission File Number)

35-115073
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Technology Way
Indianapolis, Indiana
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

46268
(Zip Code)

(317) 293-5309
(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 (*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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On July 18, 2006, Stephen J. Alesia, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hurco Companies, Inc. (the "Company"), notified the Company of his intention to resign from his positions with the Company. The effective date of Mr. Alesia's resignation will be September 1, 2006. The Company has not formally designated a new or acting Chief Financial Officer at this time.

On July 21, 2006, the Company issued a press release relating to this event. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated July 21, 2006

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.

Dated: July 21, 2006

HURCO COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Michael Doar
Michael Doar, Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated July 21, 2006.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006**

HURCO REPORTS DEPARTURE OF CFO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA - July 21, 2006 - Hurco Companies, Inc. (NASDAQ Global Market: HURC) today announced that its Chief Financial Officer, Stephen J. Alesia, has notified the company that he intends to resign from his position effective September 1, 2006, to pursue another business opportunity.

Michael Doar, Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Steve has been an important contributor to our success in recent years and we wish him success in his new position. We appreciate the fact that he has agreed to continue to remain through the end of August to assist us in completing our financial reporting requirements for our third quarter. We have initiated a search for qualified candidates, both internal and external, for the CFO position."

Hurco Companies, Inc. is an industrial technology company that designs and produces interactive computer controls, software and computerized machine tools for the worldwide metal cutting industry. The end market for the company's products consists primarily of independent job shops and short-run manufacturing operations within large corporations in industries such as aerospace, defense, medical equipment, energy, transportation and computer equipment. The Company is based in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has sales, application engineering and service subsidiaries in High Wycombe, England; Munich, Germany; Paris, France; Milan, Italy; Shanghai, China and Singapore, along with manufacturing operations in Taiwan. Products are sold through independent agents and distributors in the United States, Europe and Asia. The Company also has direct sales forces in the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy and Asia.

Web Site: www.hurco.com

This news release contains forward looking statements which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions that affect demand for computerized machine systems, computer numerical control systems and software products, changes in manufacturing markets, innovations by competitors, quality and delivery of performance by our contract manufacturers and governmental actions and initiatives including import and export restrictions and tariffs.

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