

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) April 5, 2007

Hurco Companies, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Indiana

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

9143
1150732

Number
No.)

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(Commission File

35-

(IRS Employer Identification

Indiana

Offices)

One Technology Way
Indianapolis,

(Address of Principal Executive

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 and Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Effective April 5, 2007, the Board of Directors of Hurco Companies, Inc. (the "Registrant") elected Philip James to serve as a director. Mr. James is currently President of James Consulting Associates LLC, providing strategic advice to senior management of global manufacturing companies with a special emphasis on China, where he has conducted business extensively for 25 years combined with over 39 years of industry experience. Mr. James has not yet been named to a committee of the board of directors.

A press release regarding Mr. James appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and the information set forth therein is incorporated herein by reference and constitutes a part of this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 5, 2007.

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: April 9, 2007

HURCO COMPANIES, INC.

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

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Exhibit No. Description

(d) Exhibits

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99.1 Press Release dated April 5, 2007.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2007

HURCO NAMES PHILIP JAMES AS A NEW DIRECTOR

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA - April 5, 2007 - Hurco Companies, Inc. (NASDAQ Global Market: HURC)

Hurco Companies, Inc. (the "Company") announces today that Philip James has been appointed as a new Director of the Board of the Company effective April 5, 2007. Mr. James worked for The Ingersoll Milling Machine Company for more than 30 years until 1997, with his last position as Executive Vice President-International. From 1997 until April 2001, Mr. James was Group Vice President of Brown & Sharpe Measuring Systems Division where he led the acquisition of majority control of a Chinese manufacturer of coordinate measuring machines and developed it into the leading manufacturer in China for this type of equipment. Mr. James led the acquisition by Dalian Machine Tool Company in China of Ingersoll Production Machines and became its CEO in October 2002. In February 2004, Mr. James was elected as the only foreign member of the Board of Directors of Dalian Machine Tool Company and held that position until his retirement in October 2006. Mr. James is currently President of James Consulting Associates LLC, providing strategic advice to senior management of global manufacturing companies with a special emphasis on China, where he has conducted business extensively for 25 years.

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.

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