

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) FEBRUARY 26, 2004

PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA	0-3922	35-1057796
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State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1800 SOUTH 14TH STREET, P.O. BOX 638, ELKHART, INDIANA	46515
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code (574) 294-7511

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On February 26, 2004 the Registrant issued a press release announcing Paul E. Hassler as President and Chief Executive Officer effective April 5, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated February 26, 2004.

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.

PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Registrant)

DATE MARCH 1, 2004

BY /s/ Andy L. Nemeth

Andy L. Nemeth
Vice President - Finance and Chief
Financial Officer

NEWS RELEASE

February 26, 2004
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Andy L. Nemeth

PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.
ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

Elkhart, Indiana - - - - - The Board of Directors of Patrick Industries, Inc. is pleased to announce the election of Paul E. Hassler as President and Chief Executive Officer effective April 5, 2004. Mr. Hassler has been employed by the Company for over 17 years with his most recent position being Vice President of Western Operations, for which he was responsible for all aspects of more than 12 manufacturing and distribution facilities. He brings over 32 years of Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicle experience with him as well as being an instrumental factor in introducing Patrick Industries to the Industrial market segment. Mr. Hassler and his wife Shirley will relocate from California to the Elkhart, Indiana area.

Mr. Hassler will take over for the Company's current interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Keith V. Kankel, and the succession will include a transition plan for which Mr. Kankel will remain an employee for the following several months.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Mr. Kankel not only for his 30 years of service to the Company, but also for his valued and respected leadership through this interim management transition period.

Patrick Industries, Inc. is a major component products manufacturer and supplier of building products serving the Manufactured Housing, Recreational Vehicle, Furniture, Marine, Architectural and Automotive aftermarkets, and operates coast to coast in 13 states.

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