

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES INC
Form 8-K
April 02, 2009
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): March 29, 2009

KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 000-00121 (Commission File Number) | 23-1498399 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 1005 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 19034 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (215) 784-6000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On March 29, 2009, Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. (the "Company") committed to a plan to reduce its Israel workforce by approximately 170 employees over a period of approximately 18 months. As part of this workforce reduction plan, substantially all of the Company's Israel-based manufacturing will be transferred to the Company's manufacturing facilities in Suzhou, China. Management determined that it was in the best interests of the Company to reduce compensation and other costs by migrating production from Israel to China. The Company expects that the workforce reduction will be substantially complete by September 2010. Once the transition is complete, beginning in fiscal 2011, the Company expects to save approximately \$4.1 million annually.

The Company anticipates that it will incur pre-tax expense of approximately \$2.0 million primarily for severance and retention costs. Future cash expenditures are expected to be approximately \$2.7 million, consisting of \$2.2 million for severance and \$0.5 million for retention costs. The difference between the expense and the future cash expenditures is that the Company had accrued for approximately \$0.7 million of the expenditures in Israel where the accruals are required by local laws.

Forward-Looking Statements

In addition to historical statements, this current report on Form 8-K contains statements relating to future events and our future results. These statements are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to costs, expected savings, expenses, and cash expenditures. While these forward-looking statements represent our judgments and future expectations concerning our business, a number of risks, uncertainties and other important factors could cause actual developments and results to differ materially from our expectations. These factors include, but are not limited to, volatility in the global economy, equity and credit markets, the semiconductor industry and demand for our products and services, as well as the other factors listed or discussed in Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Kulicke and Soffa Industries is under no obligation to (and expressly disclaims any obligation to) update or alter its forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

SIGNATURE

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.

KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.

April 2, 2009

By: /s/ Maurice E. Carson
Name: Maurice E. Carson
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer