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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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 26, 2010**

**The Hillman Companies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13293**  
(Commission File No.)

**23-2874736**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(513) 851-4900**

**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 26, 2010, The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that, in connection with the transaction in which affiliates of Oak Hill Capital Partners will acquire the Company, it is expected that the Company's existing Amended Senior Credit Facility and its Subordinated Debt Issuance will be refinanced. The Company further expects to enter into a new \$320 million Senior Secured Credit Facility and to issue approximately \$150 million of Senior Unsecured Notes in a private offering in connection with such transaction. The Company's publicly traded trust preferred securities will remain outstanding, will not be converted or exchanged, and will continue to trade on the NYSE-AMEX.

The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

The Senior Unsecured Notes referenced above will not be and have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offering or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) *Exhibits*

<b>EXHIBIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press release dated April 26, 2010

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**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.

Date: April 26, 2010

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

/s/ James P. Waters

James P. Waters

Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT LIST**

<b><u>EXHIBIT NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
99.1	Press release dated April 26, 2010

**Hillman Senior Credit and Subordinated Debt Expected to Be Refinanced**

CINCINNATI, April 26 /PRNewswire/ — The Hillman Companies, Inc. (“Hillman” or the “Company”) (NYSE-Amex: HLM\_P) previously announced that Oak Hill Capital Partners (“Oak Hill Capital”), a leading private equity firm, has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Hillman from Code Hennessy & Simmons, Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan and certain members of company management. Oak Hill Capital is investing in partnership with Hillman’s current management team, led by CEO Mick Hillman (the “Transaction”).

In connection with the Transaction, it is expected that Hillman’s existing Amended Senior Credit Facility and its Subordinated Debt Issuance will be refinanced. Hillman’s publicly traded trust preferred securities will remain outstanding, will not be converted or exchanged, and will continue to trade on the NYSE-AMEX.

The Company further expects to enter into a new \$320 million Senior Secured Credit Facility and to issue approximately \$150 million of Senior Unsecured Notes in connection with the Transaction.

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hillman is a leading value-added distributor of over 60,000 SKUs, including fasteners, key duplication systems, engraved tags and related hardware items to over 20,000 retail customers in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and South America, including home improvement centers, mass merchants, national and regional hardware stores, pet supply stores and other retailers. Hillman provides a comprehensive solution to its retail customers for managing SKU intensive, complex home improvement categories. Hillman also offers its customers additional services, such as inventory management and in-store merchandising services.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements included herein may constitute “forward-looking statements,” which relate to future events or the future performance or financial condition of Hillman or Oak Hill Capital following the acquisition of Hillman. These statements are not guarantees of future performance, condition or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results and condition may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in Hillman’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Neither Hillman nor Oak Hill Capital undertakes any duty to update any forward-looking statements made herein.