

---

---

**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)

October 5, 2005

**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.)

10590 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

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)
  - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - ☐ 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))
- 
-

**Item 3.01. NOTICE OF DELISTING OR FAILURE TO SATISFY A CONTINUED LISTING RULE OR STANDARD; TRANSFER OF LISTING.**

The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the "Company") previously disclosed on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 22, 2005 that it expected to file a Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 and a Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005 on or about October 4, 2005 in accordance with the compliance plan submitted by the Company to AMEX and accepted by AMEX on September 9, 2005. The Company has requested and has received from AMEX a two-week extension of the deadline to regain compliance with applicable listing standards. Accordingly, the Company now expects that it will file its Form 10-K/A and Form 10-Q by October 18, 2005.

---

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable.

- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

- (c) Exhibits.

Press Release of the Company dated October 5, 2005.

**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: October 5, 2005

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

/s/ James P. Waters

James P. Waters

Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

CINCINNATI – October 5, 2005 – The Hillman Companies, Inc. (AMEX: HLM\_P) today announced that it has received a two-week extension from AMEX to satisfy the terms of its compliance plan by filing its Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2004 and its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005. The Company is continuing to work diligently to file both the Form 10-K/A and the Form 10-Q as soon as practicable; however, the Company now expects that it will make these filings by October 18, 2005.

For more information on the Company, please visit our website at <http://hillmangroup.com> or call Investor Relations at (513) 851-4900, ext. 2084.