

Gildan Activewear Inc.  
Form 6-K  
December 23, 2009

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: **December 2009**

Commission File Number: **1-14830**

**GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC.**

*(Translation of Registrant's name into English)*

**600 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West  
33rd Floor  
Montréal, Québec  
Canada H3A 3J2**

*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

**GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC.**

Date: December 23, 2009

By: /s/ Lindsay Matthews  
Name:

Lindsay Matthews  
Title:

Director, Legal Services and Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Management Information Circular</u>

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d>\_\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Annual option grant under the eLoyalty Corporation 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. 25% of the option will become exercisable on May 31, 2011, with 6.25% becoming exercisable on each quarterly vesting date thereafter, until fully exercisable on May 31, 2014.
- (2) Not Applicable

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