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# 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):

June 4, 2008

#### THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts 1-367 04-1866480 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

121 CRESCENT STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS 01331 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number: 978-249-3551

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 4, 2008, the Board of Directors of The L.S. Starrett Company (the "Company"), upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, voted to adopt a new cash bonus plan for Anthony M. Aspin, executive officer and Vice President Sales of the Company. The new cash bonus plan is effective for the fiscal year ending June 28, 2008. The new plan bases awards on sales and income before tax as a percentage of net sales and replaces the previous cash bonus plan. The Board of Directors administers the new plan.

Awards under the new plan will be paid once per year following the release of the Company's audited financial statements. The new plan consists of two components: sales and income before tax ("IBT"). Mr. Aspin's cash bonus is based on the combination of the sales bonus component and the IBT bonus component of the new plan. The performance minimum for the sales component is 80% of the sales target, and opportunity for increased sales bonus is earned over the minimum. Mr. Aspin, under his IBT bonus component, earns 10% of his base salary once the minimum 4% of IBT is achieved by the Company, Mr. Aspin's IBT bonus increases by 2% of his base salary for each 1% of IBT over the 4% minimum. There is no cap on this plan.

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### **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.

## THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY

Date: June 10, 2008 By:/s/ Randall J. Hylek

Name:Randall J. Hylek

Title:Treasurer and

Chief Financial Officer

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