

COOPER COMPANIES INC
Form 8-K
October 30, 2007

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 25, 2007

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

1-8597
(Commission File Number)

94-2657368
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588

Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(925) 460-3600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information set forth under Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Securities Holders is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

On October 25, 2007, the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Company determined to extend the Company's Rights Agreement dated as of October 29, 1997, as amended (the Original Agreement) to a final expiration date of October 29, 2017 and increase the initial exercise price of each Right from \$145.00 to \$450.00. The Company has accordingly entered into an Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of October 29, 2007, between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent (the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement).

As a result of the 100 percent stock dividend paid by the Company in 2002, the number of Rights associated with each share of the Company's Common Stock was adjusted to one-half a Right with an exercise price of \$72.50. Under the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, the number of Rights associated with each share of Common Stock will continue to be one-half a Right (subject to further adjustment as provided therein), now with an initial exercise price of \$225.

With the amendments to the expiration date of the agreement and exercise price of the Rights, the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement continues the Company's stockholder rights plan as previously in effect.

The preceding summary is not intended to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Changes in Fiscal Year.

On October 25, 2007, the Board of the Company approved amendments to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (the By-Laws) to comply with New York Stock Exchange rules which require securities listed on the exchange to be eligible for a direct registration system by January 1, 2008 and to provide for electronic transmission of notice to directors or shareholders, waiver of notice and consent to action taken by the Board without a meeting. In connection therewith, the Board determined to restate the By-Laws in their entirety (the Amended and Restated By-Laws) effective as of such date. The following provisions of the By-Laws were amended:

Article III, Section 9 to provide that consent to action taken by the Board without a meeting may be provided by electronic transmission thereof;

Article IV, Section 1 to provide that notice to members of the Company's Board or shareholders may be provided by any method permitted by law, including by electronic transmission;

Article IV, Section 2 to provide that notice may be waived by electronic transmission by the person entitled to such notice; and

Article VI, Section 1 to provide that the Company may issue shares of its stock in uncertificated form for which certain additional conforming changes were also made.

The descriptions of the changes made in the Amended and Restated By-Laws set forth in this Current

Report on Form 8-K are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated By-Laws, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 3.1 | Amended and Restated By-Laws, The Cooper Companies, Inc., dated October 25, 2007. |
| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of October 29, 2007, between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent. |

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 COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Carol R. Kaufman
Carol R. Kaufman
Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs, Secretary and
Chief Administrative Officer

Dated: October 29, 2007

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