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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): May 16, 2011 A. SCHULMAN, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-7459 34-0514850

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3550 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44333

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (330) 666-3751 (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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On May 16, 2011, A. Schulman, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved a new share repurchase program under which the Company is authorized to repurchase up to \$100 million of its common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, subject to market and other conditions (the Program). The Program replaces the Company is current share repurchase program, under which approximately 2.3 million shares remained authorized for repurchase. The Program may be modified, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated May 16, 2011.

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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.

A. Schulman, Inc.

By: /s/ David C. Minc
David C. Minc
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer
and Secretary

Date: May 16, 2011