

Altra Holdings, Inc.
Form 8-K
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**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**

March 13, 2007

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

ALTRA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

001-33209

61-1478870

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14 Hayward Street, Quincy, Massachusetts

02171

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(617) 328-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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On March 13, 2007, Altra Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), accepted the voluntary resignation of Frank E. Bauchiero from the Company's board of directors (the Board). Mr. Bauchiero resigned from the Board to facilitate the Company's compliance with board and board committee independence requirements of the NASDAQ Marketplace Rules, which require the Company's three standing committees to have a majority of independent directors within 90 days after the listing of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market. In connection with the Board's acceptance of Mr. Bauchiero's resignation, the Board accelerated the vesting schedule for any unvested shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Bauchiero.

On March 14, 2007, the Board increased the size of the Board from six members to seven members and appointed each of James H. Woodward, Jr. and Edmund M. Carpenter to fill the two open Board seats. Mr. Woodward will serve as Chair of the Audit Committee and as a member of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Carpenter will serve as Chair of the Compensation Committee and as a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Both Mr. Woodward and Mr. Carpenter are independent directors within the meaning of the NASDAQ Marketplace Rules and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Messrs. Woodward and Carpenter will receive the Company's standard director's fee of \$40,000 per year, payable in equal quarterly installments.

James H. Woodward, Jr.

Mr. Woodward, 54, has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Joy Global Inc. since January 2007. Prior to joining Joy Global Inc., Mr. Woodward was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of JLG Industries, Inc. from August 2000 until its sale in December 2006. Prior to JLG Industries, Inc., Mr. Woodward held various financial positions at Dana Corporation since 1982. Mr. Woodward holds a B.A. degree in Accounting from Michigan State University.

The Company sold approximately \$4.5 million in goods to divisions of Joy Global Inc. in 2006, which represented less than five percent (5%) of the Company's consolidated gross revenues for the year. Other than his position as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Joy Global Inc., Mr. Woodward has no interest in sales transactions between the Company and Joy Global Inc.

Edmund M. Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter, 63, was President and Chief Executive Officer of Barnes Group Inc. from 1998 until his retirement in December 2006. Prior to joining Barnes Group Inc., Mr. Carpenter was Senior Managing Director of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice from 1996 to 1998, and Chief Executive Officer of General Signal from 1988 to 1995. He has served as a director at Campbell Soup Company since 1990 and Dana Corporation since 1991. He holds both an M.B.A. and a B.S.E. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan.

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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.

ALTRA HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ David Wall
Name: David Wall
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 19, 2007