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Form 8-K

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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

July 28, 2009
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its charter)

Virginia
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-01361
(Commission File Number)

22-1318955
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

773-838-3400
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On July 28, 2009, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. issued a press release (the "release") announcing its results of operations and financial condition for the second quarter ended July 4, 2009. A copy of the release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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\$18,658,000 compare to \$13,699,000 in first half 2008, and net earnings per share were \$.33 and \$.24 in first half 2009 and 2008, respectively, an increase of \$.09 per share or 38%. As the Company's quarterly financial reporting is based on thirteen week periods, the first quarter as well as the first half of 2009 benefited from three additional shipping days. The number of shipping days in the comparative second quarter 2009 and 2008 periods were identical.

Mr. Gordon said, "Second quarter 2009 net sales benefited from effective marketing programs and selective price increases as well as the timing of certain customer orders shipped in second quarter 2009 which were shipped in third quarter 2008. Consolidated 2009 net sales advanced despite declines in sales outside of the U.S. reflecting lower foreign sales when translated into a stronger U.S. dollar reporting currency.

The increase in second quarter 2009 net earnings reflect the benefits of higher sales, selective price increases, lower energy and fuel costs primarily relating to freight and delivery, and lower costs relating to products manufactured in Canada due to more favorable foreign exchange rates. The increase in the Company's earnings per share for second quarter 2009 also reflects common stock purchases in the open market resulting in fewer shares outstanding.

First half 2009 sales and earnings benefited from the same factors and reasons as second quarter 2009 which are discussed above. First half 2009 sales and earnings also benefited from the additional shipping days due to the timing of the Company's quarterly periods."

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED
JULY 4, 2009 & JUNE 28, 2008

| | SECOND QUARTER ENDED | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net Product Sales | \$107,812,000 | \$101,591,000 |
| Net Earnings | \$ 10,338,000 | \$ 7,246,000 |
| Net Earnings Per Share * | \$.18 | \$.13 |
| Average Shares Outstanding * | 56,245,000 | 56,642,000 |

| | SIX MONTHS ENDED | |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net Product Sales | \$201,866,000 | \$191,932,000 |
| Net Earnings | \$ 18,658,000 | \$ 13,699,000 |
| Net Earnings Per Share * | \$.33 | \$.24 |
| Average Shares Outstanding * | 56,393,000 | 56,952,000 |

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* Based on average shares outstanding adjusted for 3% stock dividends distributed April 9, 2009 and April 10, 2008.