

GSI GROUP INC
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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

October 9, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

GSI GROUP INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Brunswick, Canada
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-25705
(Commission File No.)

98-0110412
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

125 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(781) 266-5700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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.. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

GSI Announces Closing of Sale

of U.S. Optics Business

Bedford, MA (October 9, 2008): GSI Group Inc., (Nasdaq: GSIG), a leading supplier of precision technology and semiconductor systems, today announced that it has completed the sale of its General Optics business unit located in Moorpark, California to Gooch & Housego plc. for \$21 million. The Company also stated that its cash position, including the sale proceeds, but excluding approximately \$25M of auction rate securities at fair value, totals approximately \$70 million.

Certain statements in this news release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements may relate to anticipated financial performance, management's plans and objectives for future operations, business prospects, outcome of regulatory proceedings, market conditions, tax issues and other matters. All statements contained in this news release that do not relate to matters of historical fact should be considered forward-looking statements, and are generally identified by words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, objective and other similar expressions. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this news release. Such statements are based on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management and are subject to risks, uncertainties and changes in condition, significance, value and effect. Other risks include the fact that the Company's sales have been and are expected to continue to be dependent upon customer capital equipment expenditures, which are, in turn, affected by business cycles in the markets served by those customers. Other factors include volatility in the semiconductor industry, the risk of order delays and cancellations, the risk of delays by customers in introducing their new products and market acceptance of products incorporating subsystems supplied by the Company, risks of currency fluctuations, risks to the Company of delays in its new products, our ability to continue to reduce costs and capital expenditures, our ability to focus R&D investment and integrate acquisitions, changes in applicable accounting standards, tax regulations or other external regulatory rules and standards, and other risks detailed in reports and documents filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and with securities regulatory authorities in Canada. Such risks, uncertainties and changes in condition, significance, value and effect, many of which are beyond the Company's control, could cause the Company's actual results and other future events to differ materially from those anticipated. You are encouraged to review the risk factors detailed in the Company's 10-K filed with the SEC. The Company does not assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting such forward-looking statements.

For more information:

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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.

GSI GROUP INC.

(Registrant)

Date: October 9, 2008

By: /s/ Daniel J. Lyne
Name: Daniel J. Lyne

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary