

STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2017

**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 17, 2017 (May 11, 2017)**

**Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Connecticut**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction)**

**1-5224**  
**(Commission)**

**06-0548860**  
**(I.R.S. Employer)**

**of Incorporation)**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**1000 Stanley Drive**

**New Britain, Connecticut**

**06053**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number including area code: (860) 225-5111**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or 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)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

## **Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

### Underwriting Agreement

On May 11, 2017, Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. (the Company) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named therein, related to the offering, issuance and sale of 7,500,000 of its Equity Units (the Equity Units), including 750,000 Equity Units pursuant to the underwriters' exercise of their over-allotment option in full. Pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company sold the Equity Units to the underwriters at a price of 97% of the initial public offering price. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary terms, conditions, representations and warranties and indemnification provisions.

The offering of the Equity Units was made under the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration No. 333-207522), which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 20, 2015, and closed on May 17, 2017. The Company used a portion of the net proceeds of the Equity Units offering to enter into capped call transactions with counterparties, including certain of the underwriters or their affiliates.

The Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

### Purchase Contract Agreement

On May 17, 2017, the Company entered into the Purchase Contract and Pledge Agreement (the Purchase Contract Agreement), among the Company, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Purchase Contract Agent, and HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary, pursuant to which the Equity Units were issued. Each Equity Unit initially consists of a unit referred to as a Corporate Unit (as defined below) with a stated amount of \$100 comprised of (i) a contract to purchase from the Company, on May 15, 2020, for a price of \$100, a number of newly-issued shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$2.50 per share (the Common Stock), equal to the applicable settlement rate (each a Purchase Contract and collectively the Purchase Contracts) and (ii) a 10% undivided beneficial interest in one share of 0% Series C Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock, without par value, with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 (the Convertible Preferred Stock) and, each 10% undivided interest thereof together with a Purchase Contract, a Corporate Unit). The Convertible Preferred Stock is pledged to the Company to secure the Equity Unit holders' obligations under the Purchase Contract Agreement to purchase the Common Stock. The Purchase Contract Agreement includes customary agreements and covenants by the Company.

Holder of Corporate Units may create Treasury Units or Cash Settled Units from their Corporate Units as provided in the Purchase Contract Agreement by substituting Treasury securities or cash, respectively, for the Convertible Preferred Stock comprising a part of the Corporate Units. Holders of Equity Units will be entitled to receive, quarterly in arrears on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing on August 15, 2017, distributions consisting of contract adjustment payments of 5.375% per year on the stated amount of \$100 per Equity Unit, which will accrue from May 17, 2017 and will be payable by the Company in cash, shares of Common Stock or a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock, at the Company's election, subject to the Company's right to defer contract adjustment payments in certain instances.

The Purchase Contract Agreement and the Forms of Corporate Unit, Treasury Unit and Cash Settled Unit representing the Equity Units are filed as Exhibits 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, respectively, and are incorporated by reference herein. The descriptions of the material terms of the Purchase Contract Agreement and the Forms of Corporate Unit, Treasury Unit and Cash Settled Unit representing the Equity Units are qualified in their

entirety by reference to such exhibits.

HSBC Bank USA, National Association and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association are each the trustee for certain of the Company's outstanding notes. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, other financial, banking and other services for the Company, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

**Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders**

The information included in Item 5.03 below is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

On May 17, 2017, the Company filed a Certificate of Amendment to its Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the Certificate of Amendment), providing for the designation and terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock. The Certificate of Amendment became effective on May 17, 2017.

Pursuant to the Certificate of Amendment, the Convertible Preferred Stock will have an initial conversion rate of 6.1627 shares of Common Stock per share of the Convertible Preferred Stock, equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$162.27, subject to adjustment. The initial conversion price represents a premium of approximately 17.5% above the closing price of the Common Stock on May 11, 2017. The Convertible Preferred Stock will initially not bear any dividends and the liquidation preference of the Convertible Preferred Stock will not accrete. Each share of Convertible Preferred Stock may be converted only after being separated from the Equity Units and, prior to May 15, 2020, only upon the occurrence of certain fundamental change events. Upon any such conversion, the Company will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of Common Stock or a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock, at the Company's election.

The Convertible Preferred Stock is expected to be remarketed in May 2020, unless the Company elects to remarket the Convertible Preferred Stock earlier, during a period beginning on and including February 12, 2020 and ending on and including April 28, 2020, at which time the conversion rate and/or the dividend rate may be increased and certain other terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock may change.

The Company may pay any dividend payments on the Convertible Preferred Stock (if the dividend rate of the Convertible Preferred Stock is increased upon successful remarketing) in cash, shares of Common Stock or a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock, at the Company's election, subject to the Company's right to defer dividend payments in certain instances. The Convertible Preferred Stock is perpetual, but the Company may redeem all or any portion of the outstanding Convertible Preferred Stock on or after June 22, 2020, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the liquidation preference thereof, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends (whether or not authorized or declared), which will only accrue if the dividend rate of the Convertible Preferred Stock is increased upon successful remarketing.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, before any distribution or payment shall be made to holders of Common Stock or any other class or series of capital stock ranking junior to the Convertible Preferred Stock, holders of the Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to be paid out of the Company's assets legally available for distribution to its stockholders, after payment of or provision for the Company's debts and other liabilities, a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share of the Convertible Preferred Stock, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) (which will only accrue if the dividend rate of the Convertible Preferred Stock is increased upon successful remarketing) up to but excluding the date of payment, but subject to the prior payment in full of all of the Company's liabilities and the payment of its senior stock.

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The Certificate of Amendment and Form of Certificate for the Convertible Preferred Stock are filed as Exhibits 3.1 and 4.5, respectively, to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. The descriptions of the material terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock and the Certificate of Amendment are qualified in their entirety by reference to such exhibit.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The following material is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated May 11, 2017, among Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named therein relating to the offering of the Equity Units.
- 3.1 Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated May 17, 2017.
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- 4.2 Form of Corporate Unit (included as part of Exhibit 4.1 hereto).
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- 4.4 Form of Cash Settled Unit (included as part of Exhibit 4.1 hereto).
- 4.5 Preferred Stock Certificate.
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- 5.3 Opinion of Day Pitney LLP.
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
- 23.1 Consent of Donald J. Riccitelli (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.2).
- 23.3 Consent of Day Pitney LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.3).

**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.

**STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.**

By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt  
Name: Bruce H. Beatt  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

Dated: May 17, 2017

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