STANLEY WORKS Form 8-K March 30, 2004

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): March 30, 2004

The Stanley Works
----(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Connecticut	1-5224	06-0548860
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain		06053
(Address of principal executive Registrant's telephone number,		(Zip Code) (860) 225-5111

Not Applicable
----(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Exhibit Index is located on Page 4

Page 1 of 5

Item 5. Other Events.

The Stanley Works has confirmed the resignation of Robert G. Britz from its Board of Directors.

- Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits
 - (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release, dated March 30, 2004 issued by The Stanley Works, confirming the resignation of Robert G. Britz from its Board of Directors.

Page 2 of 5

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, thereunto duly authorized.

THE STANLEY WORKS

Date: March 30, 2004

By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt

Name: Bruce H. Beatt

Title: Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

Page 3 of 5

EXHIBIT INDEX

Current Report on Form 8-K Dated March 30, 2004

Exhibit No. Page 99.1 5

Page 4 of 5

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STANLEY WORKS CONFIRMS RESIGNATION OF ROBERT G. BRITZ FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Britain, Connecticut, March 30, 2004 ... The Stanley Works (NYSE: SWK) confirmed today that Robert G. Britz, President and Co-Chief Operating Officer of The New York Stock Exchange, has resigned from Stanley's board of directors, consistent with the policy of the NYSE that its senior officers not sit on the boards of directors of NYSE listed companies.

John F. Lundgren, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, commented: "Our Board of Directors and management sincerely appreciate the many contributions that Bob

Britz made during his tenure. We understand $\,$ Bob's decision and we wish him the very best."

Contact: Gerry Gould

Vice President - Investor Relations

(860) 827-3833

ggould@stanleyworks.com

The Stanley Works, an S&P 500 company, is a worldwide supplier of tools, hardware and security systems for professional, industrial and consumer use. More information about The Stanley Works can be found, including corporate press releases, in the Investor Relations section of the company's corporate web site at www.stanleyworks.com.

Page 5 of 5