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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

SECTION 2 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information contained within Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K and the Exhibits attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On October 23, 2008, Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. (“Ethan Allen” or the “Company”) issued a press release setting forth its operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated by reference.

On October 23, 2008 Ethan Allen will conduct a conference call during which certain unaudited, non-GAAP financial information related to the Company’s operations for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 will be disclosed. This information is set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.2.

Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 include references to the Company's (i) consolidated operating profit, (ii) wholesale operating profit, (iii) net income, (iv) earnings per share, and (v) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), all excluding the effects of restructuring and impairment charges recorded during the three months ended September 30, 2008 as a result of the Company's decisions to consolidate retail facilities. A reconciliation of these financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measure reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) is also provided in Exhibit 99.2.

Management believes that excluding items which are deemed to be non-recurring in nature from financial measures such as operating profit, wholesale operating profit, net income, and earnings per share, allows investors to more easily compare and evaluate the Company's financial performance relative to prior periods and industry comparables. These adjusted measures also aid investors in understanding the operating results of the Company absent such non-recurring or unusual events.

Management considers EBITDA an important indicator of the operational strength and performance of its business, including the ability of the Company to pay interest, service debt and fund capital expenditures. Given the nature of the Company's operations, including the tangible assets necessary to carry out its production and distribution activities, depreciation and amortization represent Ethan Allen's largest non-cash charges. As these non-cash charges do not affect the Company's ability to service debt or make capital expenditures, it is important to consider EBITDA in addition to, but not as a substitute for, operating income, net income and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP, including cash flow measures such as operating cash flow. Further, EBITDA is one measure used to determine compliance with the Company's existing credit facility.

SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Exhibits

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated October 23, 2008
99.2	Reconciliation of non-GAAP financial information disclosed in October 23, 2008 press release and conference call to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC.

Date: October 23, 2008 By: /s/ David R. Callen
David R. Callen
*Vice President, Finance and
Treasurer*

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