

MAGNETEK, INC.  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 9, 2012

MAGNETEK, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 1-10233<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 95-3917584<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| N49 W13650 Campbell Drive<br>Menomonee Falls, WI<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 53051<br>(Zip Code) |
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(262) 783-3500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 9, 2012, Magnetek, Inc. (“Magnetek” or the “Company”) entered into a settlement agreement with Kirkland & Ellis LLP (“Kirkland”) (the “Settlement Agreement”). As previously reported by the Company, Magnetek and Kirkland were involved in lawsuits in Federal and state courts in Illinois in connection with Kirkland's representation of the Company in a patent infringement matter, Nilssen v. Magnetek. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, all outstanding claims are settled and released and the state and Federal proceedings shall be dismissed with prejudice in consideration of Kirkland making a settlement payment to Magnetek of \$5 million. Magnetek entered into the Settlement Agreement to eliminate the uncertainties, burden and expense of further litigation.

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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.

Dated: January 11, 2012

MAGNETEK, INC.

/s/ Marty J. Schwenner

By: Marty J. Schwenner

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer