

STONERIDGE INC
Form 8-K
May 19, 2005

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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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 13, 2005

Stoneridge, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

0-13337

34-1598949

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

9400 East Market Street
Warren, Ohio

44484

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 856-2443

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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On March 24, 2005, Stoneridge, Inc. (the Company) entered into a stock purchase agreement (the Stock Purchase Agreement) with GE Capital Equity Holdings, Inc., 3i Group plc, 3i Europartners II LP, Roberto Poli and Alberto Bombonato to acquire for 24.9 million euro, subject to post closing adjustments, Vimercati, S.p.A. (Vimercati), an Italian full service switch products supplier for the automotive industry. The closing of the purchase of Vimercati was conditioned on (i) customary closing conditions, and (ii) the pre-emptive right of a Vimercati shareholder.

On April 22, 2005, the Company announced that the Vimercati shareholder gave notice of his intent to exercise his pre-emptive right to acquire (in lieu of the Company) all of the outstanding stock of Vimercati not already owned by the shareholder. On May 13, 2005, pursuant to the pre-emptive right, the shareholder acquired the remaining outstanding shares of Vimercati. Therefore, the Stock Purchase Agreement was terminated on May 13, 2005.

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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.

Stoneridge, Inc.

Date: May 19, 2005

/s/ Joseph M. Mallak

Joseph M. Mallak, Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer (Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)