

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO
Form 8-K
October 05, 2007

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):

October 1, 2007

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-04329

344297750

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

701 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio

45840

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

419-423-1321

Not Applicable

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))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 1, 2007, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), along with Corporacion de Occidente SA de CV ("Occidente"), issued a press release announcing the formation of a 50-50 joint venture company in Mexico for the marketing, sales and distribution of the Cooper and Pneustone brands, as well as all other associate brand tires marketed by the two companies.

The Company also announced the finalization of a production arrangement with Occidente for the production of certain radial passenger tires in Occidente's Guadalajara, Mexico facility. These tires will be for sale in the North American market as well as in Mexico.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated October 1, 2007

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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.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company

October 5, 2007

By: */s/James E. Kline*

Name: James E. Kline

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release, dated October 1, 2007 |