

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 21, 2011

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ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation)                         | 1-4797<br>(Commission File No.) | 36-1258310<br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview,<br>IL<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) |                                 | 60026-1215<br>(Zip Code)                           |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 847-724-7500

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 2.02.Results of Operations and Financial Condition

As previously announced, the Company is eliminating the one month lag for the reporting of its international operations effective January 1, 2011. On March 21, 2011, the Company released its pro forma 2010 quarterly and full year operating results restated to reflect the elimination of the one month reporting lag in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01.Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description  |
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| 99.1           | Press Release issued by Illinois Tool Works Inc. dated March 21, 2011 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02). |

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SIGNATURES

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

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Dated: March 21, 2011

By: /s/ Ronald D. Kropp  
Ronald D. Kropp  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer