

LEGGETT & PLATT INC
Form 8-K
November 13, 2008

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) November 12, 2008

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-07845
(Commission File Number)

44-0324630
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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No. 1 Leggett Road, Carthage, MO
(Address of principal executive offices)

64836
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 417-358-8131

N/A

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ 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 8.01 Other Events.

On November 12, 2008 Moody's Investors Service downgraded the Company's long term debt rating from A2 to A3 and our commercial paper rating from P-1 to P-2 citing accelerating contraction in residential and automotive related consumer spending. In addition, Moody's assigned a negative outlook to these ratings. Currently, Standard & Poor's Rating Services rates our long term debt A and our commercial paper A1. Our Standard & Poor's ratings have had a negative outlook since the fourth quarter of 2007.

These credit ratings reflected the views of the rating agency only. An explanation of the significance of these ratings may be obtained from the rating agency. Such ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities. Any rating can be revised upward or downward or withdrawn at any time by a rating agency if it decides that the circumstances warrant the change. Each rating agency may have different criteria for evaluating company risk and, therefore, each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

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.

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

Date: November 13, 2008

By: /s/ Ernest C. Jett
Ernest C. Jett
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary