

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) February 28, 2005

TRIMAS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

333-100351

38-2687639

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

48304

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (248) 631-5400

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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.

Cash Bonuses to Executive Officers

On February 28, 2005, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the
Board of Directors of TriMas Corporation (the "Company") exercised its
discretion to approve the payment of fiscal year 2004 annual cash bonuses for
the Company's named executive officers in the following amounts: Grant H. Beard,
President and Chief Executive Officer -- \$675,000; Lynn A. Brooks, President,
Rieke Packaging Systems -- \$271,000, Scott D. Hazlett, President, Cequent
Transportation Accessories -- \$189,257, Edward L. Schwartz, President,
Industrial Specialties and Fastening Systems -- \$262,000, E.R. Autry, Chief
Financial Officer -- \$130,000, Robert J. Zalupski, Vice President Finance and
Treasurer -- \$100,000, and Dwayne M. Newcom, Vice President, Human Resources --
\$100,000.

Annual bonuses for 2004 for the executive officers were determined based on
the Committee's evaluation of (1) the Company's earnings before interest, taxes,
depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for the 2004 fiscal year compared to
budget; (2) the individual executive officer's contribution to those results;
and (3) the individual executive officer's achievement of personal performance
objectives.

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.

TRIMAS CORPORATION

Date: March 4, 2005

By: /s/ Grant H. Beard

Name: Grant H. Beard
Title: Chief Executive Officer