
**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): **April 8, 2008**

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC

(Exact name of registrant as
specified in its charter)

Michigan
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-13611
(Commission
File Number)

38-2078923
(IRS Employer
Identification no.)

1000 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, Michigan
(Address of principal executive offices)

48813
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code: **(517) 543-6400**

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)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the 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))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 8, 2008, Spartan Motors, Inc. (the "Company") issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which is here incorporated by reference.

The attached press release contains forward-looking statements which are discussed in greater detail in the press release itself. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect developments or information obtained after the date of this filing.

This Report and the Exhibit are furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Spartan Motors, Inc. Press Release dated April 8, 2008. This Exhibit is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

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.

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

Date: April 8, 2008

By /s/ James W. Knapp

James W. Knapp
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

Document

99.1

Spartan Motors, Inc. Press Release dated April 8, 2008.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Spartan Chassis Receives \$45 Million in Orders for Production of MRAP Vehicles

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, April 4, 2008 - Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), today announced it has been awarded two new subcontract orders worth approximately \$45 million to support the production of advanced tactical vehicles under the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, program.

Under the terms of the new subcontracts, the Mich.-based custom chassis manufacturer will supply and integrate key chassis components for MRAP military vehicles manufactured by two of the leading defense contractors of these heavily-armored vehicles, Force Protection, Inc. which placed an order for 184 units, and General Dynamics Land Systems which ordered 180 units.

"The MRAP program remains a high priority for the military, and Spartan Chassis is dedicated to continuing to provide our expertise as long as the need exists," said Richard Schalter, president of Spartan Chassis. "We are proud that we have contributed to supplying these life-saving vehicles to our troops overseas."

MRAPs are prized by the military for their V-shaped hulls, raised chassis and improved armor, which help protect servicemen and women from improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, mines and other hazards of war.

About Spartan Chassis, Inc.:

Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks and specialty vehicles. Spartan Motors, which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$681.4 million in 2007 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

About Force Protection, Inc.:

Force Protection, Inc. (Nasdaq: FRPT) is a leading American designer, developer and manufacturer of life saving survivability equipment, predominantly ballistic- and blast-protected wheeled vehicles currently deployed by the U.S. military and its allies to support armed forces and security personnel in conflict zones. The Company's specialty vehicles, the Cougar and the Buffalo, and the Cheetah, are designed specifically for reconnaissance, forward command and control, and urban operations and to protect their occupants from landmines, hostile fire, and improvised explosive devices (IEDs, commonly referred to as roadside bombs). The Company is one of the original developers and primary providers of vehicles for the U.S. military's Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, vehicle program. For more information on Force Protection and its vehicles, visit www.forceprotection.net.

About General Dynamics Land Systems:

General Dynamics Land Systems, headquartered in Sterling Heights, Michigan, is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation (NYSE: GD). The company employs approximately 83,500 people worldwide and reported 2007 revenues of \$27.2 billion. The company is a market leader in business aviation; land and expeditionary combat systems; armaments and munitions; shipbuilding and marine systems; and information systems and technologies. More information about the company is available on the Internet at www.generaldynamics.com.

This release contains forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, statements concerning our business, future plans and objectives and the performance of our products. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that ultimately may not prove to be accurate. Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Technical complications may arise that could prevent the prompt implementation of the plans outlined above. The company cautions that these forward-looking statements are further qualified by other factors including, but not limited to, those set forth in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filing and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (available at <http://www.sec.gov>). Government contracts and subcontracts typically involve long payment and purchase cycles, competitive bidding, qualification requirements, delays or changes in funding, extensive specification development and changes, price negotiations and milestone requirements. An announced award of a governmental contract is not equivalent to a finalized executed contract and does not assure that orders will be issued and filled. Government agencies also often retain some portion of fees payable upon completion of a project and collection of contract fees may be delayed for long periods, which can negatively impact both prime contractors and subcontractors. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any statements in this release, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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