
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): **June 16, 2004**

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.)

1165 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, Michigan
(Address of principal executive offices)

48813
(Zip Code)

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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated June 16, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 16, 2004, Spartan Motors, Inc. issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which is here incorporated by reference. This Report and the Exhibit are 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 thereunto duly authorized.

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

Date: June 17, 2004

By /s/ James W. Knapp

James W. Knapp
Chief Financial Officer

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Spartan Motors, Inc. Press Release dated June 16, 2004.



NEWS RELEASE

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Spartan Chassis Receives State Grant to Increase Workforce

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, June 16, 2004 - Spartan Chassis, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), announced today that it received a tax credit grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), allowing the Company to create 415 jobs over the next five years.

The MEDC is also projecting the creation of an additional 641 jobs at other Michigan companies by 2009 because of the increased economic activity created by the expansion.

"These expansions along with the others we most recently announced indicate that manufacturing is still alive and well in Michigan," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

Spartan, which currently employs 438 people in Michigan and an additional 275 in South Carolina, South Dakota and Pennsylvania, said it had considered a site in Kentucky, but the Single Business Tax credit, worth \$4.3 million, convinced the Company to expand in Michigan. An economic analysis by the University of Michigan estimates that nearly \$603 million in new personal income will be generated from the project over the life of the agreement.

"We are proud to be a Michigan manufacturer and pleased this grant will allow us to grow our business within the community of Charlotte," said Richard Schalter, President of Spartan Chassis, Inc.

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The Company said it also plans to invest \$7.3 million to expand its operations in Charlotte to grow its current product line in response to the new business contracts with RV makers Fleetwood RV and Newmar Corporation, as well as its strong fire truck chassis orders.

In June 2004, Spartan Chassis announced that it was named the exclusive chassis supplier for three of Newmar Corp.'s diesel-powered motorhome product lines for the 2005 model year and five of Fleetwood RV's diesel-powered motorhome product lines beginning August 1, 2004.

Spartan Chassis, Inc. (www.spartanchassis.com) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) and is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles and fire trucks. The company has a reputation for high quality, value, service and being the first to market with innovative products.

The statements contained in this news release include certain predictions and projections that may be considered "forward-looking statements" under the securities laws. These forward-looking statements are identifiable by words or phrases indicating that the Company or management "expects," "believes" or is "confident" that a particular result "may" or "should" occur, that a particular item "bodes well," that the Company "looks forward" to a particular result, or similar statements. These statements involve many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including but not limited to economic, competitive, governmental and technological factors affecting the Company's operations, markets, products, services and prices. Accounting estimates are inherently forward-looking. Additional information about these and other factors that may adversely affect these forward-looking statements are contained in the Company's reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect developments or information obtained after the date of this news release.

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