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): July 22, 2008

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-13611

(Commission

File Number)

Michigan (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1000 Reynolds Road Charlotte, Michigan (Address of principal executive offices) 38-2078923 (IRS Employer Identification no.)

> **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):

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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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 24, 2008, Spartan Motors, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release concerning its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2008. The press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is here incorporated by reference. Exhibit 99.1 is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 22, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Company increased the size of the Board from seven to eight members and appointed Richard R. Current to the Board. Mr. Current is the Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Neogen Corporation. The Board appointed Mr. Current to the class of directors with terms expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2011. Mr. Current will serve as a member of the Audit Committee.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Current and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director, nor are the any transactions in which Mr. Current has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Mr. Current will receive the standard compensation arrangements for the Company's non-employee directors, including an annual retainer, meeting fees, and share-based compensation.

The Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Current's appointment to the Board of Directors. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report. Exhibit 99.2 is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 24, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors has authorized a share repurchase program. The press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.3. Exhibit 99.3 is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) **Exhibits**: The following document is attached as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K:

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- 99.1 Press Release dated July 24, 2008.
- 99.2 Press Release dated July 24, 2008.
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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: July 24, 2008

By /s/ James W. Knapp

James W. Knapp Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Spartan Motors Highlights Second Quarter Results

- Net sales of \$196.5 million, up 28.8% compared to second quarter 2007
- Net earnings of \$0.32 per diluted share, up 60.0% year-over-year
- Return on invested capital of 27.7%, up 23.1% year-over-year
- Gross margin of 17.2%, up 9.6% year-over-year
- Consolidated backlog of \$320.2 million; up 10.3% year-over-year

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, July 24, 2008 - Spartan Motors, Inc. (NASDAQ: SPAR) reported its best second quarter in company history with a 28.8 percent year-over-year increase in revenues and a 59.8 percent year-over-year increase in net earnings, overcoming challenges in several of its end markets.

Second Quarter Results

Spartan reported net earnings of \$10.4 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, on net sales of \$196.5 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2008, compared with net earnings of \$6.5 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, on net sales of \$152.6 million in the same quarter of 2007.

"The company posted a solid second quarter, particularly given a shift in military business from the second quarter to the third quarter, and the sharp decline in the RV market," said John Sztykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. "Despite these challenges, Spartan improved its earnings nearly 60 percent year-over-year, and our earnings for the first six months of 2008 have surpassed our earnings for the whole of 2007.

"This quarter is another illustration of how our market diversification and flexible manufacturing model has enabled us to grow sales, while controlling our cost structure in tough economic times. Our multiple markets - emergency-rescue, RV and specialty vehicles, as well as our service, parts and accessories business - are providing us with growth and enabling us to better manage risk."

Spartan said supply chain issues relative to a production ramp-up, as well as parts, shifted part of the production schedule of a significant military vehicle order from the second quarter to the second half of 2008, with, a significant portion of this order remaining in the backlog as of the end of the quarter.

"As in past quarters, military vehicle production can be difficult to forecast month-to-month, as there are strategic supply ramp-up issues to overcome with each vehicle redesign," said Sztykiel. "At the same time, the company experienced softer than expected conditions in the motorhome chassis market, with industry wholesale shipments of Class A motorhomes down 39.5 percent year-over-year through May, according to the latest data from the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA)."

Spartan Motors' consolidated backlog increased 10.3 percent year-over-year, to approximately \$320.2 million as of June 30, 2008. Spartan Motors anticipates fulfilling its current backlog orders by May 2009.

Spartan reported gross margin of 17.2 percent in the second quarter of 2008, an increase over a gross margin of 15.7 percent in the same period in 2007. Spartan attributed the year-over-year increase in gross profit to increased sales, product mix, higher absorption of overhead and more favorable warranty costs.

Through the first six months of 2008, Spartan's sales increased 55.9 percent compared with the same period of last year, while net earnings increased 83.6 percent compared to the six-month period in 2007. The company reported net earnings per diluted share of \$0.77 per share for the first six months of 2007, compared with net earnings per diluted share of \$0.42 per share in the same period of 2007.

Spartan Chassis

Sales at Spartan Chassis, the company's largest subsidiary and operating unit, increased 31.6 percent year-over year to \$180.8 million for the current quarter. Spartan Chassis represented 92 percent of Spartan Motors' total consolidated sales in the 2008 second quarter. Second quarter earnings at Spartan Chassis improved 53.9 percent year-over-year, and the unit's backlog as of June 30, 2008 increased 21.7 percent year-over-year.

Spartan's chassis sales to the Class A diesel motorhome market decreased 50.0 percent year-over-year in the quarter. Spartan's backlog for RV chassis decreased 47.3 percent year-over-year to \$12.5 million as of June 30, 2008. Sales of fire truck chassis in the quarter decreased 11.2 percent compared to the same period of last year, though this segment reported significant improvement in gross margin. Backlog for fire truck chassis at the end of the 2008 second quarter was \$75.9 million, a 5.3 percent increase compared to the prior year.

Other Product sales, including specialty chassis for MRAP military vehicles, and Spartan Chassis' growing service, parts and accessories (SPA) business, increased 159.5 percent year-over-year in the second quarter of 2008. Backlog for Other Products increased 43.1 percent year-over-year to \$188.7 million as of June 30, 2008. The backlog for Other Products includes a significant order for military vehicles that Spartan expects to produce in the second half of 2008.

Emergency Vehicle Team (EVTeam)

Spartan's EVTeam operating unit, consisting of its Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue subsidiaries, reported a 6.0 percent yearover-year increase in sales for the 2008 second quarter, and represented 8 percent of total company-wide sales in the quarter. Though the unit posted a net loss for the quarter, the EVTeam reported a 25.2 percent improvement in segment bottom-line compared to the second quarter of 2007.

"While our goal remains for each unit to be profitable on a stand-alone basis, without any preferential treatment or pricing, the pull-through of Spartan Chassis from the EVTeam continues to have a positive impact on Spartan Motors' bottom line," said Sztykiel.

Financial Position

Spartan reported an operating cash flow increase in the current quarter of \$35.3 million, driven largely by decreased working capital needs. The company ended the quarter with \$3.2 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$53.4 million in long-term debt, a 14.8 percent reduction in long-term debt since the end of 2007.

"Debt related to working capital in the second quarter decreased compared to the 2008 first quarter to match the lower production volumes, another indication of the flexibility of our business model," said Jim Knapp, chief financial officer of Spartan Motors. "We are closely monitoring material costs to mitigate the impact on margins."

On a consolidated basis, Spartan posted a return on invested capital (ROIC) of 27.7 percent in the second quarter of 2008, compared to ROIC of 22.5 percent for the same quarter in 2007. Spartan defines return on invested capital as operating income less taxes, on an annualized basis, divided by total shareholders' equity.

Market Outlook

"The outlook for motorhome chassis is challenging, though the RVIA is predicting the industry will reach its bottom for shipments in 2008 or early 2009," said Sztykiel. "With greater competitive pressures, our motorhome OEM partners will likely need Spartan more than ever to protect their market share. Our focus in motorhome chassis remains on expanding the number of models riding on our chassis and increasing the Spartan content per motorhome through more up-fit work, such as the new bridge-beam product.

"We continue to see smaller orders for mine-blast protected vehicles. These military orders, though not large enough individually to warrant separate announcements, are for specialty variants of existing MRAP vehicles, or for related, lighter vehicles. This trend of smaller orders for specialized and lighter hardened vehicles is expected to stabilize into 2009."

"Our emergency-rescue products made good progress in the quarter, and this progress is expected to continue into the second half of 2008. Recent product introductions, as well as anticipated demand for fire truck chassis and fire trucks ahead of the emissions change in 2010, are expected to drive Spartan's emergency-rescue business into 2009. Several large players in the emergency-rescue market continue to struggle, creating new opportunities for Spartan. We also expect our service, parts and accessories business to become a greater percentage of sales.

Sztykiel concluded: "While the rise in fuel costs are challenging, they are also forcing a restructuring of society and its vehicles. Spartan's model has always been centered on specialty vehicles evolving in advance of society, which creates new opportunities for our flexible, fast and multi-market business model. Our customer-centric philosophy and customized products fill growing niches within our core markets. Spartan's strength in innovation and track record of transforming markets from commercial to custom allows us to create new niche markets. We remain cautiously optimistic about our prospects in 2008 and beyond."

Conference Call & Webcast

Spartan Motors will host a conference call for analysts and portfolio managers at 10 a.m. ET today to discuss these results and current business trends. To listen to a live webcast of the call, please visit <u>www.spartanmotors.com</u>, click on "Shareholders," and then on "Webcasts."

About Spartan Motors

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Spartan Motors, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	<u>June 30, 2008</u> \$-000-		December 31, 2007 \$-000-	
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,166	\$	13,527
Accounts receivable, net		102,641		132,907
Inventories		113,107		103,076
Deferred income tax assets		6,925		6,925
Taxes receivable		1,908		
Other current assets		2,144		1,978
Total current assets		229,891		258,413
Property, plant and equipment, net Goodwill		62,043		56,673 2,457
Deferred income tax assets		775		775
Other assets		209		346
Total assets	\$	295,375	\$	318,664
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	50,808	\$	90,769
Accrued warranty	Ŧ	11,339	Ŧ	10,824
Accrued compensation and related taxes		9,650		10,431
Accrued vacation		2,055		1,758
Accrued customer rebates		2,179		1,963
Deposits from customers		5,843		5,540
Taxes on income				551
Other current liabilities and accrued expenses		4,641		3,367
Current portion of long-term debt		524		522
Total current liabilities		87,039		125,725
Other non-current liabilities		1,108		1,025
Long-term debt, less current portion		53,433		62,696
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock		326		324
Additional paid in capital		63,644		62,648
Retained earnings	_	89,825		66,246
Total shareholders' equity		153,795		129,218



Spartan Motors, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>June 30, 2008</u>		<u>June 30, 2007</u>		
	\$-000	%	\$-000	%	
Sales Cost of Products Sold	196,520 162,772		152,583 128,570		
Gross Profit	33,748	17.2	24,013	15.7	
Operating Expenses: Research and Development Selling, General and Administrative	4,743 12,886	2.4 6.6	3,696 9,670	2.4 6.3	
Total Operating Expenses	17,629	9.0	13,366	8.7	
Operating Income	16,119	8.2	10,647	7.0	
Other Income (Expense): Interest Expense Interest and Other Income	(436) 199	(0.2) 0.1	(436) 192	(0.3) 0.1	
Total Other Income (Expense)	(237)	(0.1)	(244)	(0.2)	
Earnings before Taxes on Income	15,882	8.1	10,403	6.8	
Taxes on Income	5,467	2.8	3,887	2.5	
Net Earnings	10,415	5.3	6,516	4.3	
Basic Net Earnings per Share	0.33		0.20		
Diluted Net Earnings per Share	0.32		0.20		

Basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	32,001	32,073
Diluted Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	32,705	32,947



Spartan Motors, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>June 30, 2008</u>		<u>June 30, 2007</u>		
	\$-000	%	\$-000-	%	
Sales Cost of Products Sold	460,615 386,238		295,465 246,761		
Gross Profit	74,377	16.1	48,704	16.5	
Operating Expenses: Research and Development Selling, General and Administrative	9,430 25,426	2.0 5.5	7,486 19,151	2.5 6.5	
Total Operating Expenses	34,856	7.5	26,637	9.0	
Operating Income	39,521	8.6	22,067	7.6	
Other Income (Expense): Interest Expense Interest and Other Income	(1,169) 293	(0.3) 0.1	(682) 329	(0.3) 0.1	
Total Other Income (Expense)	(876)	(0.2)	(353)	(0.2)	
Earnings before Taxes on Income	38,645	8.4	21,714	7.3	
Taxes on Income	13,449	2.9	7,992	2.7	
Net Earnings	25,196	5.5	13,722	4.6	
Basic Net Earnings per Share	0.79		0.43		
Diluted Net Earnings per Share	0.77		0.42		
Basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	31,957		31,828		



Spartan Motors, Inc. and Subsidiaries Sales and Other Financial Information by Business Segment Quarter and Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (amounts in thousands of dollars)

	Business S	egments		
	Chassis	EVTeam	Other	Consolidated
Motorhome Chassis Sales	30,206			30,206
Fire Truck Chassis Sales	25,627		(6,259)	19,368
EVTeam Product Sales		22,007		22,007
Other Product Sales	124,939			124,939
Total Net Sales	180,772	22,007	(6,259)	196,520
Interest Expense	64	372		436
Depreciation Expense	649	297	463	1,409
Segment Net Earnings (Loss)	12,433	(714)	(1,304)	10,415

Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 (amounts in thousands of dollars)

	Business S	Segments		
	Chassis	EVTeam	Other	Consolidated
Motorhome Chassis Sales	68,351			68,351
Fire Truck Chassis Sales	55,364		(11,708)	43,656
EVTeam Product Sales		46,259		46,259
Other Product Sales	302,349			302,349
Total Net Sales	426,064	46,259	(11,708)	460,615
Interest Expense	13	769	387	1,169
Depreciation Expense	1,238	578	920	2,736
Segment Net Earnings (Loss)	29,077	(1,150)	(2,731)	25,196

Period End Backlog (amounts in thousands of dollars)

	June 30, 2007	Sept. 30, 2007	Dec. 31, 2007	March 31, 2008	June 30, 2008
Motorhome Chassis *	23,768	26,097	27,312	17,465	12,533
Fire Truck Chassis *	72,097	67,071	60,374	70,720	75,931
Other Product *	131,801	228,803	199,362	166,457	188,665
Total Chassis	227,666	321,971	287,048	254,642	277,129

EVTeam Product *	62,691	61,178	51,316	49,975	43,094
Total Backlog	290,357	383,149	338,364	304,617	320,223

* Anticipated time to fill backlog orders; 2 months or less for motorhome chassis and 10 months or less for fire truck chassis, other product and EVTeam product



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Spartan Motors Adds Richard R. Current to Board of Directors

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, July 24, 2008 - Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) today announced its board of directors has increased the size of the board from seven to eight members and elected Richard R. Current, vice president and chief financial officer of Neogen Corporation, to the board. Current will serve as an independent director and on the audit committee.

"Rick brings 40 years of financial experience to Spartan's board," said David R. Wilson, chairman of Spartan Motors. "His experience at Neogen, a public company which has experienced 20 percent annual sales growth since he joined in 1999, is valuable to Spartan, especially given our rapid growth over the last several years. He has experience in global markets, as 38 percent of Neogen's revenue was from outside the U.S. in 2007. He also played a significant role in Neogen's 13 accretive acquisitions since 2000. We expect all of this experience will serve Spartan's stakeholders extremely well."

Current, a certified public accountant, has served as vice president and chief financial officer of Lansing, Mich.-based Neogen Corporation since 1999. Prior to this position, Current was executive vice president and chief financial officer for Farmington Hills, Mich.-based Integra Vision, Inc. from 1995 to 1999, and vice president and chief financial officer for Hillsdale, Mich.-based The Shane Group for three years. From 1968 to 1992, Current was with Ernst & Young, becoming managing partner of its Lansing, Mich. office in 1986.

Current earned a MBA and BBA degree from Western Michigan University. Current is on the boards of directors and audit committees of Lansing, Mich.-based Fincor Holdings, Inc., and East Lansing, Mich.-based Summit Community Bank.

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Spartan Motors Authorizes Stock Repurchase Program

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, July 24, 2008 - Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) today announced it received authorization from its board of directors to repurchase up to one million shares, or approximately 3 percent of its outstanding common stock.

The Charlotte, Mich.-based manufacturer of custom chassis and specialty vehicles reported its board of directors approved a new program allowing the company to buy back common stock in open-market transactions over the next 12 months. Spartan Motors reported 32.6 million shares of common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2008.

A year ago, Spartan's board authorized a repurchase program for one million shares. Under this program, which has expired, the company repurchased 300,000 shares of common stock on the open market at an average price of \$9.23 per share.

"The board believes our current valuation does not fully reflect our long-term potential to grow sales, profits and return on invested capital, or our demonstrated success in transforming markets through customization and innovation," said David R. Wilson, chairman of Spartan Motors. "As we work toward record results in 2008, we will evaluate all options in driving shareholder value in the right direction for Spartan."

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