

TIMKEN CO
Form 8-K
May 27, 2005

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): _____ **May 27, 2005** _____

THE TIMKEN COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-1169
(Commission File Number)

34-0577130
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1835 Dueber Avenue, S.W., Canton, Ohio 44706-2798

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(330) 438-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

The Timken Company and the United Steelworkers Union announced the following joint statement on May 27, 2005.

The Timken Company and the United Steelworkers Union have reached a tentative four-year agreement that covers hourly employees at the Canton and Wooster plants.

The Union Negotiating Committee has unanimously recommended that the membership ratify the early agreement.

Arrangements are now being made for information-ratification meetings. At that time, the Union Bargaining Committee will explain details of the tentative agreement and answer questions.

The current Basic Labor Agreement was scheduled to expire September 26, 2005.

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.

THE TIMKEN COMPANY

By: /s/ William R. Burkhart

William R. Burkhart
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: May 27, 2005