

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC  
Form 8-K  
May 12, 2011

**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): May 11, 2011  
APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

OHIO

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34-0117420

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Applied Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

(Address of Principal Executive Officers) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (216) 426-4000

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)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

David L. Pugh, Chairman and CEO of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. ( Applied ), entered into a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, dated May 11, 2011, pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 10b5-1. This rule permits individuals who are not then in possession of material nonpublic information to establish prearranged plans to buy or sell stock in the future, regardless of subsequent material nonpublic information.

Under the plan, Mr. Pugh intends to sell up to 300,000 shares of Applied common stock from time to time between May 18, 2011 and August 8, 2011, subject to the market price of our stock. Mr. Pugh s ownership interest is in excess of the stock ownership guidelines established by Applied s Board of Directors.

The plan will facilitate the orderly sale of stock for personal financial planning purposes with the goals of minimizing market impact and avoiding concerns about the timing of the transactions. On April 27, 2011, Applied announced that Mr. Pugh will retire by the company s next annual shareholder meeting, to be held in October 2011.

SIGNATURE

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.

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES,  
INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Fred D. Bauer  
Fred D. Bauer  
Vice President-General Counsel &  
Secretary

Date: May 11, 2011