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Form 8-K

April 28, 2006

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

April 27, 2006  
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its charter)

Virginia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-01361  
(Commission File Number)

22-1318955  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

773-838-3400  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

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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 April 27, 2006, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. issued a press release (the "release") announcing its results of operations and financial condition for the first quarter ended April 1, 2006. A copy of the release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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The information in the release and in this Item 2.02 is "furnished" and not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Such information may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933 only if and to the extent such subsequent filing specifically references such information.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) The following exhibit is furnished with this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc., dated April 27, 2006.

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 under- signed thereunto duly authorized.

April 27, 2006 TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
By:       /s/G. HOWARD EMBER, JR.  
G. Howard Ember, Jr.  
Vice President/Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.  
7401 South Cicero Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60629  
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Press Release

STOCK TRADED: NYSE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
TICKER SYMBOL: TR Monday, April 27, 2006

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - April 27, 2006 - Melvin J. Gordon, Chairman, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. reported first quarter 2006 sales and earnings. First quarter 2006 sales were \$103,822,000 compared to \$97,925,000 in first quarter 2005, an increase of \$5,897,000 or 6%. First quarter 2006 net earnings were \$12,361,000 compared to \$12,506,000 in first quarter 2006, and earnings per share were \$.23 in both first quarter 2006 and 2005.

Mr. Gordon said, "First quarter 2006 sales reflect increases in substantially all of the Company's core brands due to successful marketing programs. However, this sales improvement did not translate into increased profits due to higher input costs principally relating

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to major ingredients, energy, fuel and transportation. Although the Company has taken action and implemented programs, including price increases, to recover these cost increases and restore margins, the Company's first quarter 2006 results only partially benefited from these initiatives. First quarter results were aided by decreased interest expense and increased investment income. The Company's per share earnings also benefited from common stock purchases in the open market in 2005 and 2006 and resulting fewer shares outstanding."

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
FOR THE 13 WEEKS ENDED APRIL 1, 2006 & APRIL 2, 2005

	FIRST QUARTER ENDED	
	2006	2005
Net Sales	\$103,822,000	\$ 97,925,000
Net Earnings	\$ 12,361,000	\$ 12,506,000
*Earnings Per Share	\$0.23	\$0.23
*Average Shares Outstanding	54,697,000	55,303,000

\*Based on average shares outstanding adjusted for 3% stock dividends distributed April 13, 2006 and April 14, 2005.