## 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 27, 2010

	ROCKY BRANDS, INC.		
	(Exact name of registrant as specified in	its charter)	
Ohio	31-1364046		
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)	
39 East Canal Street, Nelsonville, Ohio		45764	
(Address of principal e	(Zip Code)		
	Registrant's telephone number, including area co	de <u>(740) 753-1951</u>	
	Not Applicable		
	(Former name or former address, if changed	since last report.)	
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing General Instruction A.2. below):	g is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing o	bligation of the registrantunder any of the following provisions (see	
[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under	r the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)		
[ ] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the	ne Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Ru	ule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240	0.14d-2(b))	
[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Ru	ule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240	).13e-4(c))	

## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2010, Rocky Brands, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release entitled "Rocky Brands, Inc. Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2010 Results" regarding its consolidated financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2010. A copy of the Company's press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K and accompanying press release is being furnished under Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

The information contained or incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. Those statements include, but may not be limited to, all statements regarding intent, beliefs, expectations, projections, forecasts, and plans of the Company and its management and include statements in the accompanying press release regarding reduction of interest expense and future growth opportunities (paragraph 3). These forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, the various risks inherent in the Company's business as set forth in periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (filed March 2, 2010), and the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 (filed May 3, 2010). One or more of these factors have affected historical results, and could in the future affect the Company's businesses and financial results in future periods and could cause actual results to differ materially from plans and projections. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K will prove to be accurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference herein, the Company, or any other person should not regard the inclusion of such information as a representation that the objectives and plans of the Company will be achieved. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K are based on information presently available to the management of the Company. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

#### Financial Statements and Exhibits. Item 9.01.

#### (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

> Press Release, dated July 27, 2010, entitled "Rocky Brands, Inc. Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2010 Results." 99\*

st Such press release is being "furnished" (not filed) under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

## 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.

Rocky Brands, Inc.

Date: July 27, 2010 By:

/s/ James E. McDonald James E. McDonald, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## ROCKY BRANDS, INC. ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER FISCAL 2010 RESULTS

Company Returns to Second Quarter Profitability with Diluted EPS of \$0.08 Second Quarter Sales Increased 7.9% to \$55.2 Million Funded Debt Decreased \$50.6 Million, or 58% to \$36.9 Million

NELSONVILLE, Ohio, July 27, 2010 - Rocky Brands, Inc. (Nasdaq: RCKY) today announced financial results for its second quarter ended June 30, 2010.

For the second quarter of 2010, net sales increased 7.9% to \$55.2 million versus net sales of \$51.2 million in the second quarter of 2009. The Company reported net income of \$0.5 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share versus a net loss of \$1.4 million, or (\$0.25) per diluted share a year ago. Excluding one-time charges of \$0.6 million, net of tax, associated with the early repayment of a portion of the Company's senior term loan, second quarter 2010 net income improved to \$1.1 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share.

Mike Brooks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "There were several highlights from the second quarter, most notably the dramatic improvement in our bottom line. The combination of sales growth, a 370 basis point improvement in wholesale gross margin, and meaningful operating expense leverage, allowed us to recover from a loss in the year ago period and deliver profitability that was well above plan. We also made significant progress in improving our capital structure during the second quarter. We paid off the majority of our high interest, senior term loan using proceeds from our successful equity offering and availability under our existing credit facility. As a result, we cut our debt level at the end of the second quarter by more than half and will considerably reduce our interest expense going forward. We are very pleased with the progress we have made towards building a more efficient organization and we look forward to taking advantage of our improved position to better capitalize on the growth opportunities that are ahead."

### **Second Quarter Review**

Net sales for the second quarter increased 7.9% to \$55.2 million compared to \$51.2 million a year ago. Wholesale sales for the second quarter increased to \$38.5 million compared to \$37.9 million for the same period in 2009. Retail sales for the second quarter were \$11.0 million compared to \$12.3 million for the same period last year. The modest decline in retail sales was the result of the ongoing transition to more Internet driven transactions and the decision to remove a portion of our Lehigh mobile stores from operations to help lower costs as discussed below. Military segment sales for the second quarter increased to \$5.7 million versus \$0.9 million for the same period in 2009.

Gross margin in the second quarter of 2010 was \$19.1 million, or 34.6% of sales compared to \$17.7 million, or 34.6% for the same period last year. Wholesale gross margin was up 370 basis points driven by increased manufacturing efficiencies in the Company's factories. This was offset by lower retail gross margin as a result of the ongoing transition to more Internet driven transactions and the increase in sales to the Military which carry lower gross margin than the wholesale and retail businesses.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses decreased \$2.0 million or 10.8% to \$16.2 million, or 29.3% of sales for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$18.1 million, or 35.4% of sales a year ago. The decrease in SG&A expenses was primarily the result of a reduction in salaries & benefits, bad debt expense, advertising costs, and Lehigh store expenses.

Income from operations was \$2.9 million, or 5.3% of net sales for the period compared to an operating loss of \$0.4 million in the prior year.

Interest expense increased to \$2.1 million for the second quarter of 2010 versus \$1.9 million for the same period last year. The increase was attributable to one-time fees of approximately \$0.9 million associated with the early repayment of a portion of the Company's senior term loan.

The Company's funded debt decreased \$50.6 million, or 57.8% to \$36.9 million at June 30, 2010 versus \$87.5 million at June 30, 2009.

Inventory decreased \$17.5 million, or 22.0%, to \$61.8 million at June 30, 2010 compared with \$79.3 million on the same date a year ago.

The Company's accounts receivable decreased \$3.7 million, or 8.2% to \$40.8 million at June 30, 2010 versus \$44.5 million at June 30, 2009.

### **Conference Call Information**

The Company's conference call to review second quarter fiscal 2010 results will be broadcast live over the internet today, Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 4:30 pm Eastern Time. The broadcast will be hosted at www.rockybrands.com.

### About Rocky Brands, Inc.

Rocky Brands, Inc. is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of premium quality footwear and apparel marketed under a portfolio of well recognized brand names including Rocky®, Georgia Boot®, Durango®, Lehigh®, and the licensed brands Dickies®, Michelin® and Mossy Oak®.

### Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

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## Rocky Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	June 30, 2010 Unaudited		December 31, 2009			June 30, 2009 Unaudited	
ASSETS:							
CURRENT ASSETS:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,166,143	\$	1,797,093	\$	2,865,461	
Trade receivables – net		40,782,470		45,831,558		44,454,476	
Other receivables		1,182,335		1,476,643		1,924,195	
Inventories		61,811,667		55,420,467		79,286,477	
Deferred income taxes		1,475,695		1,475,695		2,167,966	
Income tax receivable		325,493		-		2,413,523	
Prepaid expenses		1,876,888		1,309,138		1,983,480	
Total current assets		110,620,691		107,310,594		135,095,578	
FIXED ASSETS – net		22,436,535		22,669,876		23,777,945	
IDENTIFIED INTANGIBLES		30,512,822		30,516,910		30,769,248	
OTHER ASSETS		2,112,475		2,892,683		3,609,296	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	165,682,523	\$	163,390,063	\$	193,252,067	
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:							
CURRENT LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable	\$	13,415,750	\$	6,781,534	\$	8,504,099	
Current maturities – long term debt		528,434		511,870		495,976	
Accrued expenses:							
Taxes - other		535,101		440,223		502,032	
Income Tax Payable		-		26,242		-	
Other		4,931,764		5,226,749		4,504,202	
Total current liabilities		19,411,049		12,986,618		14,006,309	
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LONG TERM DEBT – less current maturities		36,370,863		55,079,776		87,023,125	
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES		9,071,639		9,071,639		9,438,921	
DEFERRED LIABILITIES		3,875,048		3,774,356		4,056,184	
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		68,728,599		80,912,389		114,524,539	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:							
Common stock, no par value;							
25,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding June 30, 2010 - 7,406,787; December 31, 2009 - 5,576,465;							
June 30, 2009 - 5,547,215		68,931,586		54,598,104		54,384,172	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(3,037,242)		(3,217,144)		(3,062,448)	
Retained earnings		31,059,580		31,096,714		27,405,804	
Total shareholders' equity	_	96,953,924		82,477,674		78,727,528	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	165,682,523	\$	163,390,063	\$	193,252,067	

## Rocky Brands, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended June 30.			
	_		June 30,				,	
	_	2010	_	2009	_	2010	_	2009
NET SALES	\$	55,223,054	\$	51,188,615	\$	111,302,040	\$	101,253,176
COST OF GOODS SOLD		36,123,970		33,470,943		73,446,107		63,443,016
GROSS MARGIN		19,099,084		17,717,672		37,855,933		37,810,160
SELLING, GENERAL AND								
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	_	16,163,354	_	18,119,173	_	34,188,041	_	38,065,301
INCOME/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS		2,935,730		(401,501)		3,667,892		(255,141)
OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSES):								
Interest expense		(2,121,552)		(1,936,490)		(3,766,143)		(3,710,420)
Other – net		3,432		158,023		40,117		33,457
Total other - net		(2,118,120)		(1,778,467)		(3,726,026)		(3,676,963)
INCOME/(LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES		817,610		(2,179,968)		(58,134)		(3,932,104)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE/(BENEFIT)		294,000		(785,000)		(21,000)		(1,416,000)
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$	523,610	\$	(1,394,968)	\$	(37,134)	\$	(2,516,104)
INCOME/(LOSS) PER SHARE								
Basic	\$	0.08	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.45)
Diluted	\$	0.08	\$	(0.25)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.45)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF								
COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING								
Basic	_	6,535,812		5,547,215		6,072,045		5,546,880
Diluted	_	6,557,289		5,547,215	_	6,072,045	_	5,546,880