

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC  
Form DEFA14A  
May 23, 2005

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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 23, 2005

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-5426**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-0505332**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**4360 Brownsboro Road, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**40207**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code 502/893-4600

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**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - 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))
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**ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.**

On May 23, 2005, Thomas Industries Inc. reported that all required regulatory approvals with respect to the previously announced agreement to be acquired by Gardner Denver, Inc. have been received and announced that a special meeting of shareholders to approve the proposed transaction has been scheduled for July 1, 2005. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

|     |                       |                                    |
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| (c) | Exhibits              |                                    |
|     | <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u>                 |
|     | 99.1                  | Press Release issued May 23, 2005. |

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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.

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.**

(Registrant)

Dated: May 23, 2005

By: /s/ Phillip J. Stuecker  
Phillip J. Stuecker

Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer,  
and Secretary