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): December 19, 2011

HILLENBRAND, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Indiana (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-33794 (Commission File Number) 26-1342272 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana (Address of Principal Executive Office)

47006 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934-7500

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of presentation slides to be used by Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company") in investor presentations December 19, 2011 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. These presentation slides are also available on the Company's website under "Investor Relations" at www.hillenbrandinc.com.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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While the Company reports financial results in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), the attached investor presentation slides include non-GAAP measures. These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, nor are they a substitute for, GAAP measures. The Company uses the non-GAAP measures to evaluate and manage its operations and provides the information to investors so they can see the results "through the eyes" of management. The Company further believes that providing this information better enables investors to understand the ongoing operating performance of the Company. Non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, or as superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Item 9	9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits.		
(d)	Exhibits			
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99.1		Presentation Slides		

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Throughout this report, including Exhibit 99.1, we make a number of forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. As the words imply, forward-looking statements are statements about the future, as contrasted with historical information. Our forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and current expectations of future events that we believe are reasonable, but by their very nature they are subject to a wide range of risks. If our assumptions prove inaccurate or unknown risks and uncertainties materialize, actual results could vary materially from the Company's expectations and projections.

Words that could indicate we're making forward-looking statements include the following:

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become	pursue	estimate	will	forecast	continue	could

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Here's the key point: Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and our actual results could differ materially from those set forth in any forward-looking statements. Any number of factors — many of which are beyond our control — could cause our performance to differ significantly from what is described in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Hillenbrand, Rotex or others following the Rotex acquisition; risks that the Rotex acquisition disrupts current operations or poses potential difficulties in employee retention or otherwise affects financial or operating results; the ability to recognize the benefits of the acquisition, including potential synergies and cost savings or the failure of the acquired company to achieve its plans and objectives generally; global market and economic conditions, including those related to the credit markets; volatility of our investment portfolio; adverse foreign currency fluctuations; ongoing involvement in claims, lawsuits and governmental proceedings related to operations; labor disruptions; the dependence of our business units on relationships with several large national providers; increased costs or unavailability of raw materials; continued fluctuations in mortality rates and increased cremations; competition from nontraditional sources in the funeral services business; our ongoing antitrust litigation; cyclical demand for industrial capital goods; and certain tax-related matters. For a more in-depth discussion of these and other factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in forward-looking statements, see the discussions under the heading "Risk Factors" in item 1A of Hillenbrand's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) November 28, 2011. The company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information.

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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.

HILLENBRAND, INC.

DATE: December 19, 2011 BY: /S/ Cynthia L. Lucchese

Cynthia L. Lucchese Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DATE: December 19, 2011 BY: /S/ John R. Zerkle

John R. Zerkle Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary



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Agenda

Hillenbrand

a global diversified manufacturing enterprise

Process Equipment Group (PEG)

an overview of our high-growth-potential business platform

Batesville

an overview of our time-tested and highly profitable market leader

Select Financial Results

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Hillenbrand is an attractive investment opportunity

Cash Generation

- Both Batesville and the Process Equipment Group are market leaders and proven cash generators
- Strong balance sheet and stable cash flow support the Hillenbrand growth strategy

Growth Opportunity

- The Process Equipment Group provides significant global growth opportunities and diversification
- · Growth is enhanced by leveraging our core competencies
- Further acquisitions will provide additional profitable growth and further diversification

Strong Dividend

- Meaningful return of cash to shareholders, including an attractive dividend yield
- · Annual dividend increases since HI inception (2008)

History and Culture of Execution

- Proven, results oriented management teams with operational, public company, and acquisition expertise
- Strong core competencies in lean business
- · Long track record of increasing revenues and carefully managing expenses

Hillenbrand Profile

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Growth strategy focuses on creating shareholder value

Leverage our strengths and core competencies to diversify and grow profitably

Leverage our strong financial foundation and core capabilities to create a global diversified manufacturing enterprise. Goals for Creating Shareholder Value Grow organically and through acquisitions. Seek additional growth platforms that support our acquisition strategy. Maintain strong balance sheet and superior cash generation. Strategy Management Focus on long-term objectives that generate the greatest competitive advantage. Eliminate waste, improve quality and increase operational that generate the greatest competitive at all levels of advantage. Foundational Strengths Stable Cash Flow and Earnings • Culture of Execution • Experienced Management Team

Criteria for future acquisition candidates include:

- Attractive margins, strong cash generation and multiple pathways for growth
- · Strong brand in its defined space
- Talented, proven management with close customer relationships
- Robust sales and marketing capabilities
- Strong cultural fit with Hillenbrand
- Ability to benefit from our core competencies and share its own competitive strengths

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Hillenbrand has grown significantly since 2008, and now operates on two separate platforms

2008 Hillenbrand, Inc.

Hillenbrand begins operation as a public company on the Batesville foundational platform - April 1, 2008

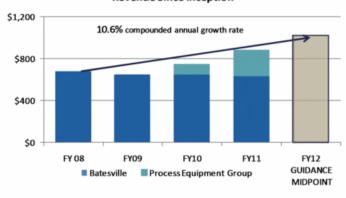
2010 K-Tron

Hillenbrand acquires K-Tron International, Inc. (now part of the Process Equipment Group) - April 1, 2010

2011 Rotex

Hillenbrand acquires Rotex - August 31, 2011

Revenue Since Inception



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HI platforms manufacture an array of premium products with substantial brand value and recognition

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Batesville

- · Founded in 1906 and dedicated for more than 100 years to helping families honor the lives of those they love®
- · Provides the highest quality burial and cremation products to funeral directors and their client families
- · North American leader in funeral products due to a history of manufacturing excellence, product innovation, superior customer service, and reliable delivery

Process Equipment Group

- · Leading global providers of bulk solids material handling equipment and systems for a wide variety of manufacturing and other industrial processes
- · Serves customers through three operating companies:

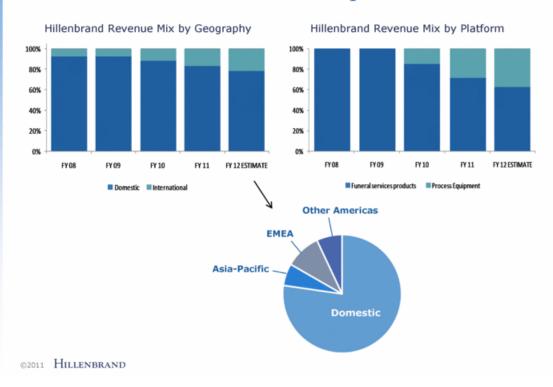
K-Tron - Material handling systems, feeders and pneumatic conveying equipment, parts and services

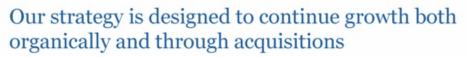
Size Reduction Group - Size reduction equipment, conveying systems and screening equipment, parts and services

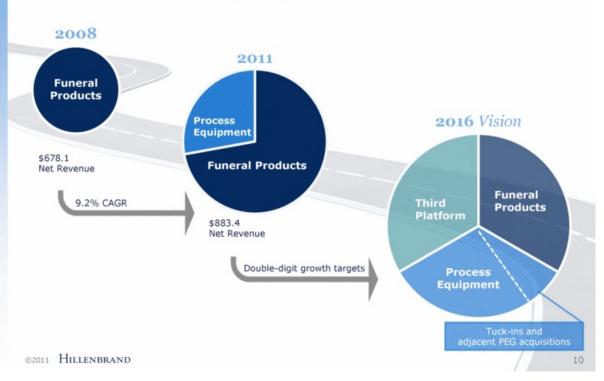
Rotex - Dry material separation machines and replacement parts and accessories

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Hillenbrand's growth strategy has provided diversification in both location and products







Hillenbrand has compelling investment characteristics

Strong Cash Generation	 Free cash flow as a percent of Revenue averages 17% over the prior 3 year period; 19% in FY11 Low cap-ex needs
Growth Upside AND Economic Downside Protection	 Demonstrated Process Equipment Group growth (25% organic growth in FY11; 18% excluding fx) Process Equipment Group's demonstrated ability to dampen economic downturn impact Batesville stability (FY10 to FY11 revenue variance of 0.4%)
Relentless Focus on Lean Business	 EBITDA % of Revenue averages 23% over the prior 3 year period; 22% in FY11 Multiple IndustryWeek Top 10 Best Plant awards Lean success in non-manufacturing areas
Differentiated Product Offerings	 Mission critical, premium brands yield premium returns Gross margins exceeding 40% in both product platforms

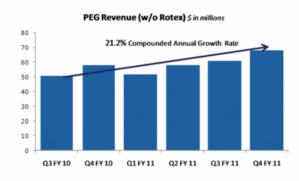
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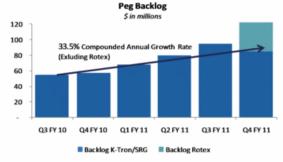
Process Equipment Group Overview

The Process Equipment Group

Strong growth potential in both industries and geographies

- History of 10% organic revenue growth
- Significant opportunities to expand into global growth markets
- · Robust backlog levels
- Developing lean business skills to reduce costs, improve customer satisfaction and shorten lead times
- History of long term customer relationships in key industries: plastics, minerals, food, etc.





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The Process Equipment Group

Expansion supported by multiple drivers and strategies

Mega Trends

- · Global population growth
- · Rising demand for food/energy
- End markets growing at GDP+
- · Expanding global middle-class

Strategic Changes

- Improve infrastructure to leverage opportunities between companies
- Pursue acquisitions that enhance organic growth
- Improve the re-order rate to drive sales of parts for existing equipment

Key Growth Drivers

Geographic Expansion

 Capitalize on strong international demand by optimizing sales channels globally

Enhanced Capabilities

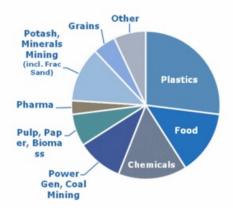
- · Promote and enhance systems solutions
- Utilize lean competencies to reduce costs, improve quality, and reduce lead times

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The Process Equipment Group

Highly diversified by industry and geography

Revenue Mix by Industry



Revenue Mix by Geography



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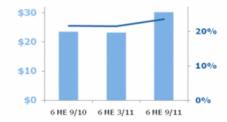
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The Process Equipment Group

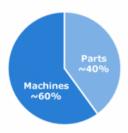
Attractive financial profile

- 20% + adjusted EBITDA margin
- High level of growth and profitability...plus, ability to manage through economic downturns:
 - "Wear" parts yield stable revenue and attractive margins
 - Backlog provides near-term predictability for revenue
 - Independent sales rep networks are variable costs
 - Outsourced non-core competencies

PEG Adj EBITDA/Margin



PEG Revenue Mix



The Process Equipment Group

Manufacturing world-class industrial processing equipment





Leaders in feeders and pneumatic conveying and systems solutions







Crushers and biomass handling equipment







Industrial screening and separating equipment

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Batesville Overview

Batesville market conditions

We continue to post steady results in an evolving industry

Attractive Financials

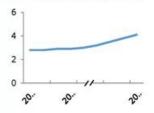
- Historically high return on invested capital (approximately 60%)
- Gross margins exceeding 40%; operating margins exceeding 25%
- · We accomplish this by:
 - Leveraging our high-velocity distribution system
 - Focusing on lean business practices to improve the cost structure



Industry Dynamics

- We expect the number of deaths to remain relatively flat for the next 5-7 years, then begin to escalate
- We anticipate the cremation rate to increase at an upward trend of approximately 120-140 basis points per year through about 2017, at which point the rate of increase should slow
- As a result, burial demand declines slowly in the near term, but should stabilize within 5-7 years as an increase in deaths offset the impact of cremation

Estimated Deaths (Millions)



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Batesville

Leading the largest segment of the funeral products industry

Funeral Products (\$2.6 Billion Industry)



Batesville (Total 2011 Revenue: \$637.5 Million)

Other, including Options,
Batesville Interactive,
Vaults & Northstar

Caskets

Batesville

Commanding a premium as the industry's most respected brand



Product Lines

Caskets, Cremation Products, Vaults, E-business suite



World's Largest Casket Manufacturer

- · Iconic brand with 100+ years of history
- · Industry leader: volume, revenue, and margin share
- · Superior mix of products
- · Brand of choice for funeral directors' families

Unparalleled Commitment

- Top-quality product manufacturer
- · Best-in-class service
- · Innovation leader
- · Highly valued business partner

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Batesville

Optimize casket business, capitalize on growth opportunities, improve margin

Optimize the Profitable Casket Business

- · New Product Development
- · Merchandising/Sales

Capitalize on Growth Opportunities

- · Options cremation products
- · Batesville Interactive
- · ENDURA Burial Vaults





Improve Margin

- · Operational excellence
- · Lean manufacturing and distribution
- · Continuous improvement in all business processes





Financial Overview

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Hillenbrand 2011 results

Net revenue up 18%; Adj. net income up/EPS up 2%; Adj. EBITDA up 9%

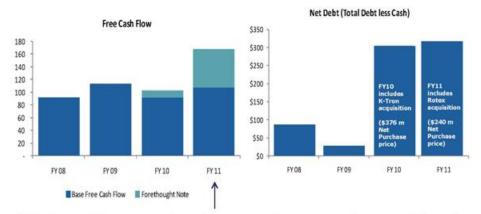
- Process Equipment Group grew year-over-year organic revenue by 25% (18% net of fx)
- Completion of Rotex acquisition added one month of sales to already strong PEG results
- Acquisition-related costs affected gross margin, operating expenses, net income, EPS and cash flow
- Collection of the Forethought Note was a primary driver in year-overyear increase in cash flow from operations
- FY11 results exceeded guidance at both revenue and bottom-line performance

FISCAL YEAR ENDEI			
\$ IN MILLIONS (except EPS)	2011	2010	2011 Guidance
Net Revenue % Y/Y Growth	\$883.4 17.9%	\$749.2 15.4%	\$855 - \$875
Gross Profit (Adjusted)* % of Revenue	\$372.7 42.2%	\$324.9 43.4%	
Operating Expenses (Adjusted)* % of Revenue	\$202.4 22.9%	\$159.9 21.3%	
EBITDA (Adjusted)* % of Revenue	\$208.4 23.6%	\$191.2 25.5%	
Net Income (Adjusted)*	\$113.8	\$111.6	
EPS (Adjusted)*	\$1.84	\$1.80	\$1.72 - \$1.78
Cash Flows from Operations	\$189.5	\$118.2	

See appendix for reconciliation between GAAP and adjusted balances for the years ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

Hillenbrand 2011 results

Net debt of only \$312 million - even after \$616 million in acquisitions



Stable free cash flow generation boosted by the collection of the Forethought Note.

We have maintained our strong balance sheet while using cash and debt to fund acquisitions.

Credit Ratings:

Moody's =Baa3 S&P = BBB

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Hillenbrand capital deployment

Focus is on creating shareholder value

Meaningful dividend

- Annual dividend is \$.77 per share, which is equivalent to a 45% payout ratio of 2011 net income.
- Attractive current dividend yield: 3.7% (12/14/2011)

Reinvestment for long-term growth

- · Invest to support organic growth
- Acquire quality businesses with growth potential in the Process Equipment Group space
- · Acquire new platform



Hillenbrand FY12 guidance

We anticipate revenues to reach the \$1 billion mark, while bottom line growth is masked by year-to-year non-comparables.

(amounts in millions, except per share data)

Execution

			FY 2012 Range	
2012 Guidance Summary	2011	Low	High	
Net revenues – percent growth		13%	17%	
Net revenues - \$	\$883.4			
GAAP EPS	\$1.71	\$1.75	\$1.85	
Adjusted EPS	\$1.84	\$1.82	\$1.92	

- FY11 included \$.13 of investment income (Forethought Note and limited partnership income) that won't repeat in FY12.
- FY12 includes \$.05 of amortization expense related to the Rotex acquisition.

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· Long track record of increasing revenues and carefully managing expenses



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Hillenbrand financials

FY 2011 & 2010 GAAP net income to adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

(amounts in millions, except per share data)

	Years Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
GAAP net income	\$106.1	\$92.3
Interest income	(7.4)	(13.0
Interest expense	11.0	4.2
Income tax expense	51.7	54.1
Depreciation and amortization	36.1	28.2
EBITDA	197.5	165.8
Antitrust litigation	1.3	5.0
Inventory step-up	2.8	11.6
Business acquisition	6.3	10.5
Sales tax adjustment	(0.8)	(4.7
Restructuring	1.3	3.0
EBITDA – adjusted	\$208.4	\$191.2

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	2011	2010	
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Antitrust litigation	1.3	5.0	
Inventory step-up	2.8	11.6	
Backlog step-up	0.8	1.7	
Business acquisition costs	6.3	10.5	
Sales tax adjustment	(0.8)	(4.7)	
Restructuring	1.3	3.0	
Income tax on adjustments	(4.0)	(7.8)	
Net income – adjusted	\$113.8	\$111.6	
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EPS – adjusted	\$1.84	\$1.80	

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Hillenbrand financials

FY 2011 & 2010 GAAP Balance Sheet

(amounts in millions)

	Years Ended Se	ptember 30,
	2011	2010
Assets		
Current assets	\$380.1	\$324.4
Other assets	800.6	724.5
Total assets	\$1,180.7	\$1,048.9
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$136.2	\$118.0
Other long-term liabilities	601.4	559.0
Total Liabilities	\$737.6	\$677.0
Shareholders' Equity		
Total shareholders' equity	\$443.1	\$371.9
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	\$1,180.7	\$1,048.9

Hillenbrand financials

FY 2011 & 2010 GAAP cash flow

(amounts in millions)

	Years Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$106.1	\$92.3
Depreciation & amortization	36.1	28.2
Interest income on Forethought Note	(6.4)	(12.0
Forethought Note interest payment	59.7	10.0
Change in working capital	(16.4)	16.9
Other, net	10.4	(17.2
Net cash flow from operating activities (A)	\$189.5	\$118.2
Capital expenditures (B)	\$(21.9)	\$(16.3
Forethought Note principal repayment	91.5	-
Acquisitions of business, net of cash acquired	(240.9)	(371.5
Proceeds from redemption and ARS and investments	12.4	37.2
Debt activity	28.1	334.2
Dividends	(46.9)	(46.2
Stock repurchase	(3.8)	-
Other	9.1	7.6
Net change in cash	\$17.1	\$63.2
Free cash flow (A-B)	\$167.6	\$101.9