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**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): **October 1, 2012**

**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)

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 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 October 1, 2012, Batesville Casket Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company"), and certain other parties, including the Company's former parent, Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. ("Hill-Rom"), entered into a confidential settlement agreement with Funeral Consumers Alliance, Inc. ("FCA") and a number of individual consumer casket purchasers ("plaintiffs"). The settlement agreement, providing for a \$5 million payment by the Company, expeditiously ends the FCA lawsuit against the Company without any finding or admission of liability or wrongdoing by the Company or its Batesville subsidiaries. The settlement results in no change to Batesville's policy of selling its caskets through licensed funeral homes operated by licensed funeral directors. The settlement comes on the heels of the recent opinion by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirming the district court's denial of plaintiffs' request for class certification in the matter.

The FCA litigation is described in further detail in the Company's public filings, including Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on November 28, 2011.

**Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

The settlement results in the termination of certain restrictive covenants imposed on the Company under that certain Distribution Agreement with Hill-Rom, dated March 14, 2008. Those restrictive covenants limited the Company's ability to, among other things, raise its dividend and engage in certain acquisition activities. The settlement also results in the termination of that certain Judgment Sharing Agreement between the Company and Hill-Rom, dated as of March 14, 2008 ("JSA"). Additional information and details regarding the Distribution Agreement and JSA were previously disclosed in Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on November 28, 2011.

The settlement is further described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated October 1, 2012 issued by the Company.

**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.

DATE October 2, 2012

**HILLENBRAND, INC.**

BY: /S/ Cynthia L. Lucchese  
Cynthia L. Lucchese  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 2, 2012

BY: /S/ John R. Zerkle  
John R. Zerkle  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated October 1, 2012 issued by the Company

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## Hillenbrand, Inc. Announces the End of the FCA Litigation

- No finding or admission of liability or wrongdoing
- Certain restrictive covenants and agreements with Hill-Rom automatically terminated

**BATESVILLE, Indiana, October 1, 2012** — /PRNewswire/— Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE:HI) is pleased to announce that the remaining parties of the FCA action previously described in Hillenbrand's public filings have expeditiously ended the lawsuit without any finding or admission of liability or wrongdoing by Hillenbrand or its Batesville subsidiaries. This comes on the heels of an opinion of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upholding the district court's denial of plaintiffs' request for class certification. Batesville will continue its long standing policy of selling its caskets through licensed funeral homes operated by licensed funeral directors.

Conclusion of the FCA action also terminates certain restrictive covenants and other agreements entered into between Hillenbrand and its former parent, Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. at the time of the 2008 spin-off from Hill-Rom. These restrictions and other agreements limited Hillenbrand's and Hill-Rom's ability to increase dividends and engage in certain acquisition activities. HI-INC-F

### ABOUT HILLENBRAND

Hillenbrand ([www.Hillenbrand.com](http://www.Hillenbrand.com)) is a global diversified industrial company that makes and sells premium business-to-business products and services for a wide variety of industries. We pursue profitable growth and meaningful dividends for our shareholders by leveraging our leading brands, robust cash generation capabilities and strong core competencies.

### ABOUT BATESVILLE

Batesville ([www.batesville.com](http://www.batesville.com)), a wholly owned subsidiary of Hillenbrand, Inc. is a leader in the North American death care industry through the sale of funeral service products, including burial caskets, cremation caskets, containers and urns, burial vaults, selection room display fixturing, technology solutions and other personalization and memorialization products. For more than 125 years, Batesville has been dedicated to helping families honor the lives of those they love®. Our history of manufacturing excellence, product innovation, superior customer service and reliable delivery has helped us become — and remain — a market leader.

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