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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): May 4, 2009**

**HILLENBRAND, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<hr/> <b>Indiana</b> (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<hr/> <b>1-33794</b> (Commission File Number)	<hr/> <b>26-1342272</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<hr/> <b>One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		<hr/> <b>47006</b> (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 8.01. Other Events**

On April 29, 2009, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston Division) ordered the dismissal of a previously disclosed antitrust lawsuit, with prejudice, which Pioneer Valley Casket Co., Inc., filed against Batesville Casket Company, Inc. and Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., pursuant to a stipulation among the parties.

Hillenbrand's press release regarding this matter is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated May 4, 2009, issued by Hillenbrand, Inc.

**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: May 4, 2009

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**Federal District Judge Dismisses Antitrust Lawsuit  
Against Batesville Casket Company**

**BATESVILLE, Ind., May 4, 2009** /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — On April 29, 2009, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston), ordered the dismissal of a previously disclosed antitrust lawsuit filed by Pioneer Valley Casket Co., Inc., and three other current or former independent casket retailers against Batesville Casket Company, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hillenbrand, Inc.

The Pioneer Valley plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their complaint against all defendants with prejudice. Plaintiffs and defendants will each be responsible for their own legal costs and expenses. In March, the District Court had denied the Pioneer Valley plaintiffs' motion to certify their lawsuit as a class action. Another related lawsuit in which the District Court also denied class certification is currently awaiting ruling on the plaintiffs' request for permission to appeal the denial of class-action status.

"We are very pleased with the complete dismissal of this lawsuit," said Kenneth A. Camp, Hillenbrand's president and chief executive officer. "For more than 100 years, our company has believed that our policy of selling caskets only to licensed funeral directors operating licensed funeral homes helps ensure that families receive quality products and services any time they choose a Batesville casket."

For further information and background on these cases, please refer to Hillenbrand's most recent SEC Form 10-Q and to the rulings posted on our Web site, <http://www.hillenbrandinc.com>.

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**ABOUT HILLENBRAND, INC.**

Hillenbrand, Inc. ([www.HillenbrandInc.com](http://www.HillenbrandInc.com)) is the holding company for Batesville Casket Company, a leader in the North American death care industry through the sale of funeral services products, including burial caskets, cremation caskets, containers and urns, selection room display fixturing and other personalization and memorialization products. HI-INC-C

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