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JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC Form 8-K March 16, 2005

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)): <u>Mar</u>	March 16, 2005	
		Johnson Outdoors Inc.		
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)				
	Wisconsin	0-16255	39-1536083	
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)	
	555 1	Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403		
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)				
(262) 631-6600				
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)				
		Not Applicable		
	(Former name	or former address, if changed since last	report)	
	the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing llowing provisions:	is intended to simultaneously satisfy the	filing obligation of the registrant under any of	
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 16, 2005, the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the Company) issued a statement in response to a letter it received from Dolphin Limited Partnership I, L.P. regarding the Company s proposed merger with JO Acquisition Corp (the Statement). A copy of the Statement is being furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) <u>Exhibits</u>. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99 Statement Dated March 16, 2005.

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.

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.

Date: March 16, 2005 By: /s/ Paul A. Lehmann

Paul A. Lehmann

Its: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99 Statement Dated March 16, 2005.