

LEAR CORP
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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) **November 6, 2007**

LEAR CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-11311

13-3386776

(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification
Number)

21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, Michigan
(Address of principal executive offices)
(248) 447-1500

48033
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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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Lear Corporation (Lear or the Company) is filing this Form 8-K to (i) furnish information regarding Lear's results of operations for the third quarter of 2007, (ii) update Lear's financial outlook for 2007, (iii) provide Lear's preliminary outlook for 2008 and (iv) supplement Lear's Current Report on Form 8-K initially filed on June 27, 2005, as supplemented on August 30, 2005, January 25, 2006, October 26, 2006, January 11, 2007, January 25, 2007, April 25, 2007 and August 2, 2007, in order to update certain disclosures with respect to Lear's restructuring strategy (the Restructuring).

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding anticipated financial results and liquidity. Actual results may differ materially from anticipated results as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to, general economic conditions in the markets in which the Company operates, including changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates, the financial condition of the Company's customers or suppliers, fluctuations in the production of vehicles for which the Company is a supplier, the loss of business with respect to, or the lack of commercial success of, a vehicle model for which the Company is a significant supplier, disruptions in the relationships with the Company's suppliers, labor disputes involving the Company or its significant customers or suppliers or that otherwise affect the Company, the Company's ability to achieve cost reductions that offset or exceed customer-mandated selling price reductions, the outcome of customer productivity negotiations, the impact and timing of program launch costs, the costs, timing and success of restructuring actions, increases in the Company's warranty or product liability costs, risks associated with conducting business in foreign countries, competitive conditions impacting the Company's key customers and suppliers, raw material costs and availability, the Company's ability to mitigate the significant impact of increases in raw material, energy and commodity costs, the outcome of legal or regulatory proceedings to which the Company is or may become a party, unanticipated changes in cash flow, including the Company's ability to align its vendor payment terms with those of its customers and other risks described from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

The forward-looking statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K are made as of the date hereof, and the Company does not assume any obligation to update, amend or clarify them to reflect events, new information or circumstances occurring after the date hereof.

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is provided pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, and Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 6, 2007, Lear Corporation issued a press release reporting its financial results for the third quarter of 2007, updating its financial outlook for 2007 and providing its preliminary outlook for 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

On November 6, 2007, Lear Corporation made available the presentation slides attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 in a webcast of its third quarter 2007 earnings call. Exhibit 99.2 is incorporated by reference herein.

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The information contained in Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

As part of its previously announced Restructuring, Lear has continued consolidation, facility realignment and census actions. In the first nine months of 2007, these actions resulted in net charges of \$87.9 million, consisting of employee termination costs of \$67.0 million, fixed asset impairment charges of \$12.2 million, contract termination costs of \$(7.0) million (including a net pension and other postretirement benefit plan curtailment gain of \$12.2 million) and other costs of \$15.7 million (including \$8.5 million of estimated manufacturing inefficiency costs resulting from the Restructuring). The severance and other incremental costs represent cash charges, while the asset impairment charges represent non-cash charges. Cash payments related to the Restructuring totaled \$92.8 million in the first nine months of 2007.

Although all aspects of the Restructuring have not been finalized, the Company currently expects to incur total pretax costs of approximately \$325 million through 2007 in connection with the Restructuring, of which \$292.0 million of costs have been incurred through September 29, 2007. Lear continues to estimate that approximately 90% of the restructuring costs will result in cash expenditures.

Item 2.06 Material Impairments.

The information set forth under Item 2.05 relating to impairment charges is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

See Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition above.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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- 99.1 Press release issued November 6, 2007, furnished herewith.
- 99.2 Presentation slides from the Lear Corporation webcast of its third quarter 2007 earnings call held on November 6, 2007, furnished herewith.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Lear Corporation

Date: November 6, 2007

By: /s/ Matthew J. Simoncini

Name: Matthew J. Simoncini

Title: Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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