INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC Form 8-K May 16, 2006

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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 16, 2006 Commission File Number 1-9929

Insteel Industries, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina 56-0674867

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1373 Boggs Drive, Mount Airy, North Carolina

27030

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (336) 786-2141

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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- o 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 May 16, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing that its board of directors had approved the following actions: (i) a two-for-one split of the Company s common stock, payable on June 16, 2006 to shareholders of record as of June 2, 2006; and (ii) the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.03 per share on the Company s stock on a post-split basis, payable on July 7, 2006 to shareholders of record as of June 23, 2006. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

While the Company intends to pay regular quarterly cash dividends for the foreseeable future, the declaration and payment of future dividends, if any, are discretionary and will be subject to determination by the board of directors each quarter after its review of the Company s financial performance and business conditions.

<u>Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements</u>

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, with respect to the Company's intent and ability to pay future dividends. Although the Company believes that its plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, such forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, and the Company can provide no assurances that such plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. Many of these risks are discussed in detail in the Company's periodic reports, in particular in its report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 2005, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. You should carefully read these risk factors.

All forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. All forward-looking statements speak only to the respective dates on which such statements are made and the Company does not undertake and specifically declines any obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect any future events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated May 16, 2006 announcing the declaration of a two-for-one stock split and a post-split quarterly cash dividend of \$0.03 per share.

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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.

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

Registrant

Date: May 16, 2006 By: /s/ H.O. Woltz III

H.O. Woltz III

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 16, 2006 By: /s/ Michael C. Gazmarian

Michael C. Gazmarian

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer