

H&E Equipment Services, Inc.

Form 8-K

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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): March 4, 2009
H&E Equipment Services, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-51759 (Commission File Number)	81-0553291 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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11100 Mead Road, Suite 200, Baton
Rouge, Louisiana

70816

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (225) 298-5200

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 4, 2009, we issued a press release announcing our financial results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1

The information in this Form 8-K and the attached exhibit shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference to any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

We define EBITDA as net income (loss) before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 as EBITDA adjusted for the \$22.7 million goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008. We define Adjusted EBITDA for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2007 as EBITDA adjusted, for the applicable periods, for the \$0.3 million loss on early extinguishment of debt recorded in the third quarter of 2007 and the \$5,000 gain on early extinguishment of debt recorded in the fourth quarter of 2007, related to the Company's debt restructuring.

We use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in our business operations to, among other things, evaluate the performance of our business, develop budgets and measure our performance against those budgets. We also believe that analysts and investors use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as supplemental measures to evaluate a company's overall operating performance. However, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have material limitations as analytical tools and you should not consider them in isolation, or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We consider them useful tools to assist us in evaluating performance because they eliminate items related to capital structure, taxes and non-cash charges. The items that we have eliminated in determining EBITDA are interest expense, income taxes, depreciation of fixed assets (which includes rental equipment and property and equipment) and amortization of intangible assets and, in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, any goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges. However, some of these eliminated items are significant to our business. For example, (i) interest expense is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because we incur a significant amount of interest expense related to our outstanding indebtedness; (ii) payment of income taxes is a necessary element of our costs; and (iii) depreciation is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because rental equipment is the single largest component of our total assets and we recognize a significant amount of depreciation expense over the estimated useful life of this equipment. Any measure that eliminates components of our capital structure and costs associated with carrying significant amounts of fixed assets on our balance sheet has material limitations as a performance measure. In light of the foregoing limitations, we do not rely solely on EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as performance measures and also consider our GAAP results. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measurements of our financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered alternatives to net income, operating income or any other measures derived in accordance with GAAP. Because EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not calculated in the same manner by all companies, they may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies.

The presentation in the earnings release of income from operations on an as adjusted basis, net income on an as adjusted basis and the resulting earnings per share on an as adjusted basis shows, for comparative purposes only, our three and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 income from operations, net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per share compared to our three and twelve months ended December 31, 2007 income from operations, net income and earnings per share, without the impact of, as applicable, (i) the \$22.7 million goodwill and intangible asset charges recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008; (ii) the \$0.3 million loss on early extinguishment of debt recorded in the third quarter of 2007; and (iii) the \$5,000 gain on early extinguishment of debt recorded in the fourth quarter of 2007.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated March 4, 2009, announcing financial results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2008.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

H&E Equipment Services, Inc.

March 4, 2009

By: /s/ Leslie S. Magee

Name: Leslie S. Magee

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No. Description

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