

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
 UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
 (State or other jurisdiction of
 incorporation or organization)

88-0106100
 (I.R.S. Employer
 Identification No.)

8550 Mosley Road
Houston, Texas 77075
(713) 944-6900
 (Address of principal executive offices)

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. 2014 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN
POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. 2014 NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN
 (Full title of the plan)

Copies to:

Michael A. Lucas
President and Chief Executive Officer
Powell Industries, Inc.
8550 Mosley Road
Houston, Texas 77075
(713) 944-6900

Anthony J. Eppert
Winstead PC
1100 JPMorgan Chase Tower
Suite 1100
Houston, Texas 77002
(713) 650-8400

Indicated by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

(Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(3)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	1,200,000 shares(2)	\$61.605	\$73,926,000	\$9,521.68

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416, this Registration Statement is deemed to include additional shares of common stock issuable under the terms of the Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and the Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction.
- (2) Consists of shares of common stock issuable in respect of awards to be granted under the Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and the Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), based upon the average of the high and low prices of Powell Industries, Inc.'s common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on May 19, 2014.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Powell Industries, Inc. (the “Company”) has filed this Registration Statement to register under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), the offer and sale of 1,200,000 shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”). On December 2, 2013, the Board of Directors approved, subject to shareholder approval, the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2014 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plans”). Effective February 26, 2014, the Plan was approved by the stockholders at the Company’s annual meeting of stockholders. A post-effective amendment to prior registration statements to deregister unsold shares from the Company’s 2006 Equity Compensation Plan and the 1992 Stock Option Plan will be filed after the filing of this Registration Statement.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The document(s) containing the information required by Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”), either as part of the Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirement of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The Company will furnish without charge to each person to whom the prospectus is delivered, upon the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any and all of the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference to the information that is incorporated). Those documents are incorporated by reference in the Section 10(a) prospectus. Requests should be directed to Powell Industries, Inc., 8550 Mosley Road, Houston, Texas 77075, Attention: Don Madison, telephone number (713) 944-6900.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Company incorporates by reference in this Registration Statement:

1. The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, filed with the Commission on December 4, 2013;
2. The Company’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ending December 31, 2013 (filed with the Commission on February 5, 2014) and March 31, 2014 (filed with the Commission on May 7, 2014);
3. The Company’s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 5, 2013, December 6, 2013, January 1, 2014, January 17, 2014, February 5, 2014, March 3, 2014, and May 7, 2014; and
4. The description of the Company’s common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “1934 Act”), on November 1, 2004, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the 1934 Act, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents until such time as there shall have been filed a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold at the time of such amendment.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a corporation may indemnify directors and officers as well as other employees and individuals against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed actions, suits or proceedings in which such person is made a party by reason of such person being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent to the Registrant. The Delaware General Corporation Law provides that Section 145 is not exclusive of other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise. The Registrant's bylaws provide for indemnification by the Registrant of its directors, officers and employees to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases, redemptions or other distributions, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The Registrant's certificate of incorporation provides for such limitation of liability.

The Registrant maintains standard policies of insurance under which coverage is provided (a) to its directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act, and (b) to the Registrant with respect to payments which may be made by the Registrant to such officers and directors pursuant to the above indemnification provision or otherwise as a matter of law.

The Registrant has entered into customary indemnification agreements with our executive officers and directors that provide them, in general, with customary indemnification in connection with their service to us or on our behalf.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See Index to Exhibits

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchase, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that, in the opinion of the Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Company has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Houston, Texas, on the 22nd day of May, 2014.

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ Michael A. Lucas
Michael A. Lucas
President and Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Michael A. Lucas and Don R. Madison, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to act separately and full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and all additional registration statements pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or either of them or his or her or their substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities, in the locations and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Michael A. Lucas</u> Michael A. Lucas	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Don R. Madison</u> Don R. Madison	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, (principal financial officer)	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Milburn E. Honeycutt</u> Milburn E. Honeycutt	Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Thomas W. Powell</u> Thomas W. Powell	Chairman of the Board of Directors	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Joseph L. Becherer</u> Joseph L. Becherer	Director	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Eugene L. Butler</u> Eugene L. Butler	Director	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Christopher E. Cragg</u> Christopher E. Cragg	Director	May 21, 2014
<u>/s/ Bonnie V. Hancock</u> Bonnie V. Hancock	Director	May 21, 2014

/s/ Scott E. Rozzell
Scott E. Rozzell

Director

May 21, 2014

/s/ Robert C. Tranchon
Robert C. Tranchon

Director

May 21, 2014

/s/ John D. White
John D. White

Director

May 21, 2014

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

- 4.1 Certificate of Incorporation of Powell Industries, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A filed on November 1, 2004)
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Powell Industries, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on October 12, 2012)
- *5.1 Opinion of Winstead PC
- 10.1 Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed on May 7, 2014)
- 10.2 Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed on May 7, 2014)
- *23.1 Consent of Winstead PC (contained in Exhibit 5.1)
- *23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- *24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page of this Registration Statement)

* Filed herewith.

May 22, 2014

Board of Directors
Powell Industries, Inc.
8550 Mosley Drive
Houston, Texas 77075

Members of the Board of Directors:

We have acted as counsel to Powell Industries, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of the proposed offer and sale of up to 1,200,000 shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of the Company to be issued by the Company pursuant to the Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and the Powell Industries, Inc. 2014 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan (collectively, the "Plans").

We have examined the Registration Statement, the Plans, the minute books and other corporate records of the Company, and such other instruments and documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the opinions expressed herein. For the purposes of expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed: (i) the genuineness of all signatures and documents; (ii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals; (iii) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies; (iv) the correctness and accuracy of all facts set forth in the documents referred to in this opinion letter; and (v) the due authorization, execution, and delivery of and the validity and binding effect of all documents.

Based on the foregoing and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and other statements set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when issued in accordance with the terms of the respective Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We express no opinion as to the law of any jurisdiction other than the Delaware General Corporation Law. The reference and limitation to "Delaware General Corporation Law" includes the statutory provisions and all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws. We express no opinion as to any matter other than as set forth herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied herefrom. The opinion expressed herein is given as of this date, and we do not undertake to supplement this opinion with respect to any events or changes occurring subsequent to the date of this letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Winstead PC

WINSTEAD PC

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated December 4, 2013 relating to the financial statements of Powell Industries, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Powell Industries, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Houston, Texas
May 22, 2014