

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**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): August 21, 2012

**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-4797**  
(Commission File No.)

**36-1258310**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60026-1215**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 847-724-7500

Not Applicable  
(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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2 (b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### **Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 21, 2012, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representatives of the several underwriters listed therein (collectively, the “Underwriters”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell and the Underwriters agreed to purchase, subject to and upon terms and conditions set forth therein, \$1,100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 3.900% notes due September 1, 2042 (the “Notes”). A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Notes are being sold pursuant to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-183449) and the Prospectus included therein (the “Registration Statement”), filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 21, 2012, and the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto dated August 21, 2012, and filed with the Commission on August 22, 2012. The Notes will be issued under an Indenture dated as of November 1, 1986, as amended by a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 1, 1990, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee.

### **Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement dated as of August 21, 2012, with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representatives of the several underwriters listed therein.

## **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.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Date: August 23, 2012

By: /s/ Maria C. Green

Name: Maria C. Green

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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