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

Lifetime Brands, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-19254 (Commission File Number) **11-2682486** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) 516-683-6000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) N/A

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition

On November 6, 2007, Lifetime Brands, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release dated November 6, 2007.

Signature

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.

Lifetime Brands, Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Laurence Winoker</u> Laurence Winoker Senior Vice President – Finance, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 6, 2007



LIFETIME BRANDS ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2007 RESULTS

GARDEN CITY, NY, November 6, 2007 – Lifetime Brands, Inc. (Nasdaq: LCUT), North America's leading resource for nationally branded kitchenware, tabletop and home décor products, today announced results for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

For the third quarter of 2007, Lifetime's net sales totaled \$143.5 million, as compared to net sales of \$141.7 million for the same period in 2006. The Company reported net income of \$6.8 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$6.7 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2006.

Jeffrey Siegel, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Most people are familiar with the impact that recent economic uncertainty and continued high energy costs had on consumer spending in the third quarter. These factors prompted most retailers to take a very conservative stance with respect to their inventory levels across all product categories. As a result, our sales in the 2007 third quarter increased only slightly over those of last year's period. The softness in sales occurred even though we achieved our key operational and competitive objectives of expanding product placement, increasing shelf space and winning key industry programs.

"In our wholesale segment, our new programs at Macy's (Martha Stewart Collection®) and Kohl's (The Food Network®) have been performing well. Our cutlery business continued to stand-out, reflecting increased placement of our key brands. We are also pleased with the growth in our home décor business, acquired in 2006 through our acquisition of Syratech Corporation. This growth validates Lifetime's strategy of expanding into complementary product categories and then leveraging our product development and sourcing strengths, as well as our strong customer relationships, to drive growth across our brands and customer base. During the quarter we completed the integration of the Gorham® sterling silver business, while our acquisition of a 29.99% interest in Ekco, S.A.B., one of Mexico's leading housewares companies, remains on track and is expected to close by year-end."

"The performance of our Direct to Consumer ('DTC') segment improved considerably, driven by the elimination of excess promotional discounts, closing of certain unprofitable stores and a better in-stock performance. We continue to expect to reduce the losses in this business substantially in 2007 and are taking steps to expand the Internet/catalog channel. At the same time, we continue to evaluate the long-term viability of the factory outlet store model and its strategic importance to the Company."

Mr. Siegel concluded, "Lifetime's market position for the holiday shopping season is very strong and we are in an excellent position to benefit if it develops more favorably than some analysts expect. Nevertheless, considering the cautious approach many retailers are taking, we are scaling back our financial projections for the fourth quarter and the full year 2007. We currently anticipate net sales for the year to be between \$500 and \$515 million, as compared to net sales of \$457 million in 2006. Based on this forecast, we expect diluted earnings per share for 2007 to be between \$1.10 and \$1.20, as compared to diluted earnings per share of \$1.14 in 2006. This forecast includes approximately \$0.15 per diluted share attributable to the sale of our former headquarters building, which is scheduled to close this month."

"Our balance sheet position and liquidity remains very strong, and we are seeing the benefits of our inventory reduction program."

"While the current environment is indeed challenging, we remain highly confident that we are well-positioned to achieve our longterm strategic objective of building Lifetime's position as the leading resource for nationally branded kitchenware, tabletop and home décor products in North America."

As of September 30, 2007, Lifetime had repurchased on the open market 763,565 shares of common stock for a total purchase price of \$15.1 million under the \$20 million share buyback program the Company announced in August 2007.

Lifetime has scheduled a conference call for Tuesday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. ET to discuss third quarter 2007 results. The dial-in number for the call is (706) 634-1218. A replay of the call will also be available through Tuesday, November 13, 2007 and can be accessed by dialing (706) 645-9291, conference ID #19925562. A live webcast of the call will be broadcast at the Company's web site, <u>www.lifetimebrands.com</u>. For those who cannot listen to the live broadcast, an audio replay of the call will also be available on the site.

About Lifetime Brands, Inc.

Lifetime Brands is North America's leading designer, developer and marketer of kitchenware, cutlery & cutting boards, bakeware & cookware, pantryware & spices, tabletop, home décor, picture frames and bath accessories. The Company markets its products under some of the industry's best known brands, including KitchenAid®, Farberware®, Pfaltzgraff®, Cuisinart®, Block® China and Crystal, Calvin Klein®, CasaModa®, Cuisine de France®, Gorham®, Hoffritz®, International® Silver, Joseph Abboud™, Kamenstein®, Kirk Stieff®, Lisa Jenks®, Melannco®, Nautica®, Pedrini®, Roshco®, Sabatier®, Sasaki®, Towle® Silversmiths, Tuttle®, Wallace®, :USE® and Vasconia®. Lifetime's products are distributed through almost every major retailer in the United States.

The information herein contains certain forward-looking statements including statements concerning the Company's future prospects. These statements involve risks and uncertainties, including risks relating to general economic conditions and risks relating to the Company's operations, such as the risk of loss of major customers and risks relating to changes in demand for the Company's products, as detailed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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LIFETIME BRANDS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 143,470	\$ 141,654	\$ 338,628	\$ 300,126
Cost of sales	84,534	84,261	197,537	174,293
Distribution expenses	13,068	13,721	38,100	34,925
Selling, general and administrative expenses	32,116	31,280	91,541	78,355
Income from operations	13,752	12,392	11,450	12,553
Interest expense	2,578	1,535	5,659	2,668
Other expense (income), net	121	(11)	121	20
Income before income taxes	11,053	10,868	5,670	9,865
Income tax provision	4,258	4,184	2,184	3,792
NET INCOME	\$ 6,795	\$ 6,684	\$ 3,486	\$ 6,073
BASIC INCOME PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.46
DILUTED INCOME PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.45

LIFETIME BRANDS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share data)

	September 30,	December 31,	
	2007	2006	
ASSETS	(unaudited)		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Corrent Asserts Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 764	\$ 150	
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$12,707 at 2007 and	φ /04	\$ 130	
\$12,097 at 2006	81,545	60,516	
Inventory	179,661	155,350	
Deferred income taxes	9,123	8,519	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8,086	7,098	
Building held for sale	5,073	7,090	
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	284,252	231,633	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	47,456	42,722	
GOODWILL	27,114	20,951	
OTHER INTANGIBLES, net	36,062	42,391	
OTHER ASSETS	4,404	5,367	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 399,288	\$ 343,064	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank borrowings - short-term	\$ 86,000	\$ 21,500	
Accounts payable	9,962	15,585	
Accrued expenses	40,996	45,743	
Income taxes payable	2,430	6,899	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	139,388	89,727	
	100,000		
DEFERRED RENT & OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	5,550	5,522	
DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES	7,190	6,204	
BANK BORROWINGS - LONG-TERM	22,500	5,000	
CONVERTIBLE NOTES	75,000	75,000	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock, \$.01 par value, shares authorized: 25,000,000; shares issued			
and outstanding: 12,561,213 in 2007 and 13,283,313 in 2006	126	133	
Paid-in capital	113,323	111,165	
Retained earnings	36,133	50,235	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	78	78	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	149,660	161,611	