# 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): April 16, 2008

# **Universal Forest Products, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Michigan                        | 0-22684                  | 38-1465835                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (State or other Jurisdiction of | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| Incorporation)                  |                          |                                   |
| 2801 East Beltline, NE          |                          |                                   |
| Grand Rapids, Michiga           | n                        | 49525                             |

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (616) 364-6161

(Zip Code)

None

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 16, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 29, 2008. A copy of the Registrant's press release is attached as Exhibit 99(a) to this Current Report.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information, and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99(a) Press Release dated April 16, 2008.

#### 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.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. (Registrant)

Dated: April 16, 2008

By: <u>/s/ Michael R. Cole</u> Michael R. Cole, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Document

99(a) Press Release dated April 16, 2008.

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# news release

—AT THE COMPANY— Lynn Afendoulis Director, Corporate Communications (616) 365-1502

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

#### Universal Forest Products, Inc. reports 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales and earnings decline

Results reflect weak economy, continued drop in housing starts, and lumber prices near 17-year lows Company "strongly positioned" for future; continues to hold or grow share in its markets

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 16, 2008 — Universal Forest Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: UFPI) today announced its first quarter results, including net sales of \$489.5 million, down from \$549.0 million for the first quarter of 2007. The Company lost \$4.6 million in the quarter, compared to net earnings of \$3.9 million for the same period last year. The results reflect the continued decline in the housing market, a depressed lumber market and weak consumer spending.

"Certainly, we're disappointed with these results, but we also recognize that our performance was affected by challenging conditions in our economy and markets," said President and CEO Michael B. Glenn. The results also reflect adverse weather conditions that extended into March this year. Glenn added that, historically, extended adverse winter weather has pushed demand for the Company's products into the second quarter.

"We're focused on things we can control, such as diversification in our business, ensuring our organization is sized to our business opportunities, growing market share, and creating positive, lasting change through continuous improvement," Glenn said. "Our balance sheet is strong, we have a dynamic business model and, thanks to the hard work of fiercely determined employees, we're strongly positioned in our markets today and poised for growth when the strength of the economy and our markets returns."

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Also impacting results was a lumber market that traded near 17-year lows in the quarter, with an average composite price 15% lower than the same period of 2007 (which was 24% lower than the previous year). Lumber prices affect the Company's selling prices.

By market, Universal posted the following gross sales results for the first quarter:

**Do-It-Yourself/retail: \$172.6 million, a decrease of 11.7% from the same period of 2007.** Consumer spending on home improvement remains weak. While the Company anticipates that this market will remain soft throughout 2008, it expects to maintain strong market share driven, in part, by its vast portfolio of consumer products and lumber products that make Universal a preferred supplier to its nationwide customer base.

**Industrial packaging/components: \$140.7 million, an increase of 5.1% over 2007.** This robust market remains a bright spot as unit sales for the quarter increased 12%. Universal expects continued growth for the year in the industrial business, as a result of market share gains. The Company also expects to grow its concrete forming business, which it launched in the second quarter of 2007.

**Site-built construction: \$108.9 million, a decrease of 21.3% from the same period of 2007.** These results are in view of a 39% decline in single-family housing starts year-to-date, March 2008 from March 2007. However, multifamily construction starts and non-residential construction grew in the quarter, confirming the Company's strategy to focus on growth in those areas in order to further balance its business in this market. The Company believes its efforts will drive modest share gains in this market in 2008.

**Manufactured housing: \$76.3 million, a decrease of 14.2% from 2007.** While HUD-code home sales saw a slight increase, sales in modular home construction declined. For 2008, Universal expects to maintain its leading market share in manufactured housing, and believes passage of a lending reform package would have a positive impact on this market.

The Company's overall profitability in the quarter was affected by a decline in unit sales as well as ongoing, intense price pressure that negatively impacted margins, particularly on sales to the site-built construction market.

#### OUTLOOK

In February, the Company announced the following 2008 targets based on a number of assumptions about markets and economic conditions: net sales of between \$2.45 billion and \$2.55 billion, and net earnings of between \$22 million and \$27 million. The Company considers and re-evaluates its targets and assumptions following the end of each quarter in relation to the current business climate, prevailing market conditions, and other relevant factors. Following such a review in the first quarter, the Company did not change its annual targets.

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#### **CONFERENCE CALL**

Universal Forest Products will conduct a conference call to discuss information included in this news release and related matters at 8:30 a.m. ET on Thursday, April 17, 2008. The call will be hosted by Executive Chairman William G. Currie, President and CEO Michael B. Glenn, and CFO Michael Cole, and will be available for analysts and institutional investors domestically at (800) 901-5218 or internationally at (617) 786-4511. Use conference pass code #13564307. The conference call will be available simultaneously and in its entirety to all interested investors and news media through a Web cast at <u>http://www.ufpi.com</u>. A replay of the call will be available through Friday, May 16, 2008, domestically at (888) 286-8010 and internationally at (617) 801-6888. Use replay pass code number 84550711.

#### UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI, with approximately 100 facilities throughout North America, Universal Forest Products engineers, manufactures and markets wood and wood-alternative products for DIY/ retail home centers, structural lumber products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market, and specialty wood packaging and components for various industries. The Company also provides framing services for the site-built market, and wood forms for concrete construction. For 2007, the Company reported sales of more than \$2.5 billion. For information about Universal Forest Products, visit <u>www.ufpi.com</u>.

Please be aware that: Any statements included in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of the Company's management as well as on assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the Company at the time such statements were made. The Company does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect facts, circumstances, assumptions or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. Actual results could differ materially from those included in such forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainty. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements are the following: Adverse lumber market trends, competitive activity, negative economic trends, government regulations and weather. Certain of these risk factors and additional information are included in the Company's reports on Form 10-K and 10-Q on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 2008/2007

|   | Quarter Period |       |           | Year to Date |            |           |           |       |
|---|----------------|-------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| (In thousands, except per share data)                                 | 2008           |       | 2007      |              | 2008       | 2008 2007 |           |       |
| NET SALES   | \$489,512      | 100%  | \$549,038 | 100%         | \$489,512  | 100%      | \$549,038 | 100%  |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD  | 434,692        | 88.8  | 475,518   | 86.6         | 434,692    | 88.8      | 475,518   | 86.6  |
| GROSS PROFIT  | 54,820         | 11.2  | 73,520    | 13.4         | 54,820     | 11.2      | 73,520    | 13.4  |
| SELLING, GENERAL AND<br>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES                       | 59,351         | 12.1  | 63,458    | 11.6         | 59,351     | 12.1      | 63,458    | 11.6  |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM  |                |       |           |              |            |           |           |       |
| OPERATIONS  | (4,531)        | (0.9) | 10,062    | 1.8          | (4,531)    | (0.9)     | 10,062    | 1.8   |
| Interest expense  | 3,594          | 0.7   | 4,324     | 0.8          | 3,594      | 0.7       | 4,324     | 0.8   |
| Interest income   | (373)          | (0.1) | (582)     | (0.1)        | (373)      | (0.1)     | (582)     | (0.1) |
|   | 3,221          | 0.7   | 3,742     | 0.7          | 3,221      | 0.7       | 3,742     | 0.7   |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) BEFORE  |                |       |           |              |            |           |           |       |
| INCOME TAXES AND<br>MINORITY INTEREST                                 | (7,752)        | (1.6) | 6,320     | 1.2          | (7,752)    | (1.6)     | 6,320     | 1.2   |
| INCOME TAXES  | (3,350)        | (0.7) | 2,068     | 0.4          | (3,350)    | (0.7)     | 2,068     | 0.4   |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) BEFORE<br>MINORITY INTEREST                           | (4,402)        | (0.9) | 4,252     | 0.8          | (4,402)    | (0.9)     | 4,252     | 0.8   |
| MINORITY INTEREST   | (174)          | _     | (366)     | (0.1)        | (174)      | _         | (366)     | (0.1) |
| NET EARNINGS (LOSS)   | \$ (4,576)     | (0.9) | \$ 3,886  | 0.7          | \$ (4,576) | (0.9)     | \$ 3,886  | 0.7   |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE<br>— BASIC                                  | \$ (0.24)      |       | \$ 0.20   |              | \$ (0.24)  |           | \$ 0.20   |       |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE<br>— DILUTED                                | \$ (0.24)      |       | \$ 0.20   |              | \$ (0.24)  |           | \$ 0.20   |       |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES<br>OUTSTANDING FOR BASIC<br>EARNINGS (LOSS)   | 18,996         |       | 18,985    |              | 18,996     |           | 18,985    |       |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES<br>OUTSTANDING FOR DILUTED<br>EARNINGS (LOSS) | 18,996         |       | 19,409    |              | 18,996     |           | 19,409    |       |

SUPPLEMENTAL SALES DATA

|                         |           | Quarter Period |           |      |           | Year to Date |           |      |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------|--|
| Market Classification   | 2008      | %              | 2007      | %    | 2008      | %            | 2007      | %    |  |
| Do-It-Yourself/Retail   | \$172,646 | 35%            | \$195,601 | 35%  | \$172,646 | 35%          | \$195,601 | 35%  |  |
| Site-Built Construction | 108,899   | 22%            | 138,419   | 25%  | 108,899   | 22%          | 138,419   | 25%  |  |
| Industrial              | 140,657   | 28%            | 133,790   | 24%  | 140,657   | 28%          | 133,790   | 24%  |  |
| Manufactured Housing    | 76,315    | 15%            | 88,898    | 16%  | 76,315    | 15%          | 88,898    | 16%  |  |
| Total Gross Sales       | 498,517   | 100%           | 556,708   | 100% | 498,517   | 100%         | 556,708   | 100% |  |
| Sales Allowances        | (9,005)   |                | (7,670)   |      | (9,005)   |              | (7,670)   |      |  |
| Total Net Sales         | \$489,512 |                | \$549,038 |      | \$489,512 |              | \$549,038 |      |  |

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) MARCH 2008/2007

| (In thousands)   |          | 2000    |          | 2007      |
|--|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| ASSETS   | 2008     |         | 2007     |           |
| CURRENT ASSETS   |          |         |          |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$       | 33,584  | \$       | 44,024    |
| Accounts receivable  | Ŷ        | 161,896 | Ŷ        | 195,617   |
| Inventories  |          | 260,292 |          | 285,753   |
| Assets held for sale   |          | 10,412  |          | 17,115    |
| Other current assets   |          | 38,003  |          | 22,192    |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS   |          | 504,187 |          | 564,701   |
| OTHER ASSETS   |          | 7,747   |          | 7,881     |
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET   |          | 182,460 |          | 186,358   |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET                                 |          | 267,048 |          | 287,490   |
| TOTAL ASSETS   | \$       | 961,442 | \$       | 1,046,430 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY                               |          | 2008    |          | 2007      |
|  |          |         |          |           |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES  | <i>*</i> |         | <i>*</i> |           |
| Accounts payable   | \$       | 103,198 | \$       | 119,006   |
| Accrued liabilities  |          | 77,276  |          | 72,462    |
| Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases               |          | 1,012   |          | 1,223     |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES  |          | 181,486 |          | 192,691   |
| LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS, less current portion |          | 194,277 |          | 278,198   |
| OTHER LIABILITIES  |          | 52,682  |          | 51,199    |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY   |          | 532,997 |          | 524,342   |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY                         | \$       | 961,442 | \$       | 1,046,430 |

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 2008/2007

| (In thousands)   |    | 2007     |    |          |
|--|----|----------|----|----------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  |    |          |    |          |
| Net earnings (loss)  | \$ | (4,576)  | \$ | 3,886    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash from operating activities: |    |          |    |          |
| Depreciation   |    | 9,601    |    | 9,146    |
| Amortization of intangibles  |    | 2,280    |    | 2,367    |
| Expense associated with share-based compensation arrangements                |    | 250      |    | 127      |
| Expense associated with stock grant plans                                    |    | 67       |    | 122      |
| Deferred income taxes  |    | (85)     |    | (50)     |
| Minority interest  |    | 174      |    | 366      |
| Net loss on sale or impairment of property, plant and equipment              |    | 262      |    | 23       |
| Changes in:  |    |          |    |          |
| Accounts receivable  |    | (17,053) |    | (33,439) |
| Inventories  |    | (21,954) |    | (23,321) |
| Accounts payable   |    | 18,600   |    | 24,891   |
| Accrued liabilities and other  |    | 7,077    |    | (11,249) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation arrangements               |    | (26)     |    | (437)    |
| NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES   |    | (5,383)  |    | (27,568) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:  |    |          |    |          |
| Purchase of property, plant, and equipment                                   |    | (5,612)  |    | (8,638)  |
| Acquisitions, net of cash received   |    | (14,100) |    | (54,770) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment                          |    | 26,660   |    | 267      |
| Advances on notes receivable   |    | (815)    |    | 207      |
| Collection of notes receivable   |    | 332      |    | 109      |
| Other, net   |    | 16       |    | 103      |
| NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |    | -        |    |          |
| NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |    | 6,481    |    | (62,929) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:  |    |          |    |          |
| Net (repayments) borrowings under revolving credit facilities                |    | (11,271) |    | 106,488  |
| Repayment of long-term debt  |    | (104)    |    | (24,525) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock                                       |    | 389      |    | 1,649    |
| Distributions to minority shareholder  |    | (146)    |    | (371)    |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation arrangements               |    | 26       |    | 437      |
| Other, net   |    | (13)     |    | (265)    |
| NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |    | (11,119) |    | 83,413   |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                                      |    | (10,021) |    | (7,084)  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD                               |    | 43,605   |    | 51,108   |
|  |    | _,       |    | ,        |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD                                     | \$ | 33,584   | \$ | 44,024   |