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SCHULMAN A INC Form 8-K March 29, 2006

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 29, 2006

A. SCHULMAN, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-7459 34-0514850

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3550 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44333

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(330) 666-3751

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

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ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On March 29, 2006, A. Schulman, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had approved an extension of the expiration date of its pending modified Dutch auction self-tender offer for up to 8.75 million shares of its common stock, at a price of not less than \$21.00 and not greater than \$24.00 per share. The self-tender offer, which was commenced on March 1, 2006 and was previously scheduled to expire at 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, will be extended until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. The self-tender offer remains subject to all previously announced terms and conditions described in the offer to purchase that has been distributed to stockholders, including the previously announced offered price range. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC is acting as the dealer manager for the Self-Tender Offer. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated March 29, 2006

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 hereunto duly authorized.

A. Schulman, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert A. Stefanko

Robert A. Stefanko

Vice President Finance and

Administration

Date: March 29, 2006