

**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)
January 8, 2009**

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-10435
(Commission File Number)

06-0633559
(IRS Employer Identification
Number)

ONE LACEY PLACE, SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT 06890
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(203) 259-7843**

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- 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 January 8, 2009, Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that during the fourth quarter of 2008 the Company repurchased 357,000 shares of its common stock for \$2.4 million in the open market. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. dated January 8, 2009, announcing the repurchase of 357,000 shares of its common stock in the open market.

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.

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.

By: /S/ THOMAS A. DINEEN
Name: Thomas A. Dineen
Title: Principal Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Chief Financial
Officer

Dated: January 16, 2009



STURM, RUGER & CO., INC.

SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT 06890 U.S.A.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC. ANNOUNCES THE REPURCHASE
OF 357,000 SHARES OF ITS COMMON STOCK IN
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2008**

SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT, January 8, 2009-- Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (NYSE-RGR), today announced that during the fourth quarter of 2008 the Company repurchased 357,000 shares of its common stock for \$2.4 million in the open market, including 309,000 shares repurchased in October 2008 and 48,000 shares repurchased in December 2008. These repurchased shares represent 1.8% of the outstanding shares as of the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2008. The average price per share repurchased was \$6.74. These repurchases were funded with cash on hand.

At December 31, 2008, \$4.7 million remains authorized and available for share repurchases and 19.1 million shares remain outstanding.

About Sturm, Ruger

Sturm, Ruger was founded in 1949 and is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of high-quality firearms for the commercial sporting market. Sturm, Ruger is headquartered in Southport, CT, with manufacturing facilities located in Newport, NH and Prescott, AZ.

The Company may, from time to time, make forward-looking statements and projections concerning future expectations. Such statements are based on current expectations and are subject to certain qualifying risks and uncertainties, such as market demand, sales levels of firearms, anticipated castings sales and earnings, the need for external financing for operations or capital expenditures, the results of pending litigation against the Company including lawsuits filed by mayors, attorneys general and other governmental entities and membership organizations, the impact of future firearms control and environmental legislation, and accounting estimates, any one or more of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The Company undertakes no obligation to publish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date such forward-looking statements are made or to reflect the occurrence of subsequent unanticipated events.