

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 02, 2009

**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): December 24, 2008**

**KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-00121**  
(Commission File Number)

**23-1498399**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1005 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**19034**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (215) 784-6000**

(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 ( *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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 24, 2008, Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. (the Company), through its Israeli subsidiaries, entered into an agreement with the tax authority in Israel settling a tax dispute for approximately \$12.5 million, which will be paid in the Company's second fiscal quarter. As previously disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending September 27, 2008, in October 2007, the tax authority in Israel asserted that the Company owed withholding and income taxes. As of September 27, 2008, the asserted amount totaled \$34.3 million after adjustment for foreign currency changes.

The Company maintains tax reserves related to this and other tax liabilities. As a consequence of the settlement, the Company expects to reduce its tax reserves in an amount that is not yet determinable.

**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.

January 2, 2009

KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ Maurice E. Carson

Name: Maurice E. Carson

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer