

# ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC (ITW)

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**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): February 4, 2011

**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>1-4797</b> (Commission File No.)	<b>36-1258310</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>60026-1215</b> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 847-724-7500

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

The Company has been in a dispute with the Australian Tax Office over the tax treatment of an intercompany financing transaction between the U.S. and Australia. The case was heard before the Federal Court of Australia, Victoria, in September 2010. The proceedings result from the Company's appeal of a decision by the Australian Tax Commissioner to disallow income tax deductions for income tax years 2002 through 2005 and the assessment of withholding taxes for income tax year 2003. The Company also contested the Commissioner's similar determination for income tax years 2006 and 2007; however, the parties agreed to defer the appeal of that determination until a decision was made on the earlier years. On February 4, 2011, the Federal Court of Australia decided in the Company's favor with respect to a significant portion of the income tax deductions; however, given the complexity of the issues in the proceedings, the Court directed the parties to submit orders to implement the Court's rulings by February 18, 2011. Based on this decision, the Company expects to decrease its unrecognized tax benefits related to this matter and decrease tax expense related to income tax years 2003 through 2010, but the exact amount will not be determined until the Court issues its final order, which is expected before the end of the Company's first quarter. The Australian Tax Office has 21 days from the date the Court issues its final order to appeal the decision.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by Illinois Tool Works Inc. dated February 7, 2011 (furnished pursuant to Item 8.01).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Dated: February 8, 2011

By: /s/ Ronald D. Kropp  
Ronald D. Kropp  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

**ITW NEWS RELEASE**

**ITW Receives Favorable Court Decision in Australian Tax Case**

GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS—February 7, 2011—Illinois Tool Works Inc. (NYSE:ITW) today announced that on February 4 the Federal Court of Australia issued a favorable decision regarding the Company's dispute with the Australian Taxation Office over income tax deductions in connection with an intercompany financing transaction. As a result, there will be a significant allowable tax deduction.

Given the complexity of the issues in the proceedings, the Federal Court of Australia directed the parties to submit orders to implement the Court rulings by February 18, 2011. However, the exact amount will not be determined until the Court issues its final order, which is expected before the end of the Company's first quarter.

With nearly 100 years of history, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (NYSE: ITW) is a Fortune 200 global diversified industrial manufacturer. The Company's value-added consumables, equipment and service businesses serve customers in developed as well as emerging markets around the globe. ITW's key business platforms, including welding, automotive OEM, industrial packaging, food equipment, construction, polymers and fluids, test and measurement, electronics, decorative surfaces and automotive aftermarket, employ more than 60,000 people worldwide. ITW's revenues totaled \$15.9 billion in 2010, with more than half of these revenues generated outside of the United States.

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