

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): May 23, 2003

BRUSH ENGINEERED MATERIALS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-15885 (Commission File Number)	34-1919973 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
17876 St. Clair Avenue (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	Cleveland, Ohio	44110 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 486-4200

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated May 23, 2003, issued by Brush Engineered Materials Inc.

Item 5. Other Events

On May 23, 2003, Brush Engineered Materials Inc. issued a press release announcing that William G. Pryor has accepted the appointment to the Board of Directors of Brush Engineered Materials Inc. effective May 23 2003. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

BRUSH ENGINEERED MATERIALS INC.

Date: May 23, 2003

*By: /s/Michael C. Hasychak
Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer*

**BRUSH ENGINEERED MATERIALS INC. ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT
OF WILLIAM G. PRYOR TO SERVE ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CLEVELAND, OHIO -- MAY 23, 2003 -- BRUSH ENGINEERED MATERIALS INC. (NYSE-BW) TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM G. "JERRY" PRYOR, AGE 64, TO SERVE ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MR. PRYOR RETIRED IN AUGUST OF 2002 AS THE PRESIDENT OF VAN DORN DEMAG CORPORATION, A MANUFACTURER OF PLASTIC INJECTION MOLDING EQUIPMENT. HE HAD ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF VAN DORN CORPORATION, PREDECESSOR TO VAN DORN DEMAG CORPORATION.

MR. PRYOR HAS OVER 40 YEARS OF EXECUTIVE MANUFACTURING EXPERIENCE INCLUDING POSITIONS IN LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING AND AS A DIVISION CONTROLLER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER. HE HAS A WIDE RANGE OF GLOBAL EXPERIENCE IN MARKETING, JUST-IN-TIME MANUFACTURING AND TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT THEORY AND IMPLEMENTATION. MR. PRYOR IS CURRENTLY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OGLEBAY NORTON COMPANY AND OXIS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. PRYOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GORDON D. HARNETT, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STATED "WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE ADDITION OF JERRY TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE BRINGS A BREADTH OF MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING EXPERTISE TO COMPLEMENT OUR BOARD AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HIS FUTURE CONTRIBUTION."

Brush Engineered Materials Inc. is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. The Company, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, supplies worldwide markets with beryllium products, alloy products, electronic products, precious metal products, and engineered material systems.

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