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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A/A NO. 1

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO 31-1364046 (State of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 39 EAST CANAL STREET NELSONVILLE, OHIO 45764 (Address of principal executive offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. []

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. [x]

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: Not applicable

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Title of Class: Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED.

Reference is made to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Rocky Shoes & Boots, Inc. (the "Company") on November 13, 1997 (the "Original Form 8-A"), relating to the Preferred Stock Purchase Rights distributed to the shareholders of the Company in connection with the Rights Agreement, dated November 5, 1997 (the "Rights

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Agreement"), between the Company and Fifth Third Bank. The Original Form 8-A is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

On August 31, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the First Amendment to Rights Agreement (the "Amendment"). A complete copy of the Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 2. EXHIBITS

- 4.1 Rights Agreement dated as of November 5, 1997 by and between the Company and The Fifth Third Bank, as Rights Agent, and which includes as Exhibit A thereto the Form of Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as Exhibit B thereto the Form of Right Certificate and as Exhibit C thereto the Summary of Rights, previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A (file number 000-21026), filed on November 13, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.2 First Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated December 1, 2004, and effective as of August 31, 2004, between the Company and Computershare Investor Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Rights Agent.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to registration statement to be signed by on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS, INC.

Date: December 8, 2004

By: /s/ James E. McDonald

James E. McDonald, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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