

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): May 7, 2008

ACTUANT CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other
jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11288
(Commission File Number)

39-0168610
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

13000 West Silver Spring Drive
Butler, Wisconsin 53007

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 352-4160

N/A
(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))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Holly A. Van Deursen was appointed to the Board of Directors, effective May 7, 2008. Ms. Van Deursen spent 24 years in the oil and chemical industry serving on BP plc's executive team, as Group Vice President Petrochemicals from 2003-2005 and Group Vice President Strategy from 2001-2003. Prior to these executive leadership positions, Ms. Van Deursen held a variety of senior roles with BP and Amoco Corporation in Chicago, London and Hong Kong. Ms. Van Deursen currently serves as a director of Petroleum Geo-Services, Bemis Company, Inc. and Capstone Turbine Corporation and advises and invests in start-up companies.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Van Deursen is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Actuant Corporation dated May 7, 2008.

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.

ACTUANT CORPORATION

Date: May 13, 2008

/s/ Andrew G. Lampereur

Name: Andrew G. Lampereur
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer



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For Immediate Release

ACTUANT APPOINTS HOLLY A. VAN DEURSEN AS NEW DIRECTOR

MILWAUKEE, WI, May 7, 2008 – Actuant Corporation (NYSE: ATU) today announced that Holly A. Van Deursen has been appointed to the Actuant Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Ms. Van Deursen currently serves as a director of Petroleum Geo-Services, Bemis Company, Inc. and Capstone Turbine Corporation and advises and invests in start-up companies. She spent 24 years in the oil and chemical industry serving on BP plc's executive team, as Group Vice President Petrochemicals from 2003-2005 and Group Vice President Strategy from 2001-2003. Prior to these executive leadership positions, Ms. Van Deursen held a variety of senior roles with BP and Amoco Corporation in Chicago, London and Hong Kong. Ms. Van Deursen holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kansas and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

Commenting on the announcement, Robert Arzbaecher, Actuant's Chairman and CEO, said, "We are pleased to announce the addition of Holly to Actuant's Board of Directors. Her broad experience in strategy and operations, as well as the oil industry, will benefit Actuant. The rest of the Board and I look forward to her contributions and counsel."

About Actuant

Actuant, headquartered in Butler, Wisconsin, is a diversified industrial company with operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are market leaders in highly engineered position and motion control systems and branded hydraulic and electrical tools and supplies. Since its creation through a spin-off in 2000, Actuant has grown its sales from \$482 million to \$1.5 billion in 2008 and its market capitalization from \$113 million to over \$1.8 billion. The Company employs a workforce of more than 7,500 worldwide. Actuant Corporation trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its business units, visit the Company's website at www.actuant.com.