

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): April 2, 2014

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.)

N86 W12500 Westbrook Crossing
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (262) 293-1500

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.

On April 2, 2014 Mr. William Blackmore announced that he will retire from the Company upon the completion of fiscal 2014, after serving in his role as Executive Vice President – Engineered Solutions Segment for twelve years. As a result, Mr. Blackmore will no longer be a named executive officer of the Company.

The Board of Directors named Mr. Roger Roundhouse as Mr. Blackmore’s successor as Executive Vice President – Engineered Solutions Segment. Mr. Roundhouse is joining Actuant from General Cable, where he most recently served as Senior Vice President and General Manager Utility Products.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated April 8, 2014.

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: April 8, 2014

/s/ Andrew G. Lampereur

Name: Andrew G. Lampereur

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Actuant Announces Executive Appointment

MILWAUKEE--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 8, 2014--Actuant Corporation (NYSE:ATU) today announced the appointment of Roger Roundhouse as Executive Vice President, Engineered Solutions Segment. Roger replaces William Blackmore who will retire from Actuant at the end of the fiscal year.

Roger brings extensive automotive, industrial and OEM capabilities to Actuant, as well as significant experience with mergers & acquisitions and global operations gained during his 22-year career at General Cable (NYSE: BGC), where he most recently held the position of Senior Vice President and General Manager Utility Products. He received his BA in Business Administration from Ohio University College of Business and an MBA from Xavier University.

During his 12 years at Actuant, Bill has made many significant contributions including building the Engineered Solutions platform, consolidating nine discrete businesses into three strategic platforms linked to the Company's identified strategic macro growth trends, growing the segment from \$200 million to nearly \$500 million, and assembling a strong and capable leadership team.

Mark Goldstein, Chief Executive Officer of Actuant stated, "I am pleased to welcome Roger to Actuant. He has a demonstrated history of building strong customer relationships and motivated business teams, driving sales growth, executing continuous improvement initiatives and improving profitability. I am confident that he will make instrumental contributions as we continue to build a premier global enterprise. Finally, I want to thank Bill for his tremendous leadership over the years and wish him the best in retirement."

About Actuant

Actuant Corporation is a diversified industrial company serving customers from operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are leaders in a broad array of niche markets including branded hydraulic tools and solutions; specialized products and services for energy markets and highly engineered position and motion control systems. The Company was founded in 1910 and is headquartered in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Actuant trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its businesses, visit the Company's website at www.actuant.com.

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