

OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC
Form 8-K
September 17, 2008

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): September 17, 2008

OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-15147
(Commission File Number)

34-1897652
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

175 Ghent Road Fairlawn, Ohio

44333-3300

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 869-4200

Not Applicable

(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On September 11, 2008, the Board of Directors (the Board) of OMNOVA Solutions Inc. (the Company) elected Larry B. Porcellato to serve as a director of the Company, effective September 12, 2008. Mr. Porcellato's initial term as a director will continue until the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Board has appointed Mr. Porcellato to serve on the Audit Committee of the Board.

Mr. Porcellato, 50, has been an independent business consultant since February 2007. From 2002 through January 2007, Mr. Porcellato was the Chief Executive Officer of ICI Paints North America, a manufacturer and distributor of decorative coatings and a subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC. Mr. Porcellato is also on the board of HNI Corporation (the second-largest office furniture manufacturer in the world, and the nation's leading manufacturer and marketer of gas- and wood-burning fireplaces).

The Board has determined that Mr. Porcellato is independent in accordance with the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

As a non-employee director, Mr. Porcellato will receive the same compensation paid to other non-employee directors of the Company in accordance with the policies and procedures previously approved by the Board for non-employee directors, as disclosed in the Company's most recent Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on February 8, 2008. Such compensation will be prorated for 2008 to reflect that portion of the year during which Mr. Porcellato will serve as a director of the Company.

There are no arrangements between Mr. Porcellato and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Porcellato was elected to serve as a director, nor are there or have there been since December 1, 2006, any transactions to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party and in which Mr. Porcellato has a direct or indirect material interest.

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.

OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC.

By: /s/ Kristine C. Syrvalin
Name: Kristine C. Syrvalin
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: September 17, 2008