

KEY TECHNOLOGY INC  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2009

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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): December 7, 2009

KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-21820  
(Commission File Number)

93-0822509  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

150 Avery Street  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(509) 529-2161  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF  
DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY  
ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

- (b) The employment of Dennis T. Hopwood, formerly Vice President of Human Resources of Key Technology, Inc., terminated on December 7, 2009.
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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 thereunto duly authorized.

KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.

/s/ John J. Ehren

John J. Ehren

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 10, 2009

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