

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

January 21, 2015

**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**

**January 20, 2015**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

**TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its charter)

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**Virginia**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-15863**

(Commission File Number)

**13-4037641**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**773-838-3400**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors;**

**Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that Melvin J. Gordon, its Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of its Board of Directors, died after a brief illness on January 20, 2015. The Board of Directors appointed Ellen R. Gordon, a director of the Company and its President and Chief Operating Officer, to serve as the Company’s Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The appointment was made in accordance with the Company’s existing succession plan.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 21, 2015, the Company announced Mr. Gordon’s death with a press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release issued by the Company on January 21, 2015

SIGNATURE

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.

January 20, 2015 TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ G. Howard Ember, Jr.

Name: G. Howard Ember, Jr.

Title: Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer