

**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): **December 7, 2011**

HILLENBRAND, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Indiana
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-33794
(Commission File Number)

26-1342272
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Batesville Boulevard
Batesville, Indiana
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

47006
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(812) 934-7500**

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:

- 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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

William Cernugel has notified the Board of Directors of Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company") of his decision to retire from the Board and not stand for re-election as a director at the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of shareholders. Mr. Cernugel has not expressed any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: December 8, 2011

HILLENBRAND, INC.

BY: /S/ Cynthia L. Lucchese
Cynthia L. Lucchese
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: December 8, 2011

BY: /S/ John R. Zerkle
John R. Zerkle
Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

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