

**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 17, 2013**

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.

On December 17, 2013, Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company") announced that Cynthia L. Lucchese, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will be leaving the Company effective March 31, 2014, to pursue other professional opportunities. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated December 17, 2013 issued by the Company

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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.

HILLENBRAND, INC.

DATE: December 17, 2013

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

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HILLENBRAND, INC.

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**Hillenbrand Announces Planned Resignation of Cynthia Lucchese,
Senior Vice President and CFO**

BATESVILLE, Ind., December 17, 2013 /PRNewswire/ — Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) today announced that Cynthia Lucchese, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will be leaving the company effective March 31, 2014 in order to pursue other professional opportunities. A comprehensive search for her replacement will begin immediately.

Lucchese joined the Hillenbrand executive team in 2008 to help build the new public company and execute the growth strategy. “Cindy has been a key member of our team as we have moved from a \$650 million casket company serving North America to a \$1.6 billion global diversified industrial company doing business in over 40 countries around the world,” said Joe Raver, Hillenbrand’s President and CEO. “I want to thank her for her leadership and many contributions to Hillenbrand over these past five years.”

Commented Lucchese, “I am proud of what we have accomplished and the remarkable transformation we have made. Hillenbrand has an incredibly bright future and I wish the team continued success.”

About Hillenbrand, Inc.

Hillenbrand (www.Hillenbrand.com) is a global diversified industrial company that makes and sells premium business-to-business products and services for a wide variety of industries. We pursue profitable growth and meaningful dividends for our shareholders by leveraging our leading brands, robust cash generation capabilities and strong core competencies. HI-INC-F
