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): April 2, 2015

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.) |
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| One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana (Address of Principal Executive C | | 47006 (Zip Code) |
| Re | gistrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934- | 7500 |
| I) | Not Applicable Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Rep | ort) |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing | is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of t | the registrant under any of the following provisions: |
| ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 unde | er the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | |
| ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the | ne Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) | |
| □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) | | |
| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Re | ule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) | |
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| Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers. On April 2, 2015, Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company") announced that Thomas Kehl, Senior Vice President of the Company and President of its Coperion business, will be leaving his positions with the Company and Coperion effective June 30, 2015, 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 Exhibit Number | Descriptio | n |
| | Release dated April 2, 2015, issued by the Company | . |
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| | SIGNATURES | |
| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange authorized. | Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be s | signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly |

DATE: April 2, 2015

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HILLENBRAND, INC.

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description | |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated April 2, 2015, issued by the Company | |
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Hillenbrand Announces Departure of Thomas Kehl, Hillenbrand Senior Vice President and President of Coperion

BATESVILLE, Ind., April 2, 2015 /PRNewswire/ — Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) today announced that Thomas Kehl, Hillenbrand Senior Vice President and President of Coperion, will be leaving the company effective June 30, 2015, in order to pursue other professional interests. A comprehensive search for his replacement has already begun.

Kehl joined Coperion in 2008, running both the compounding machine and service business centers. In 2013, he was named the President of Coperion and joined the Hillenbrand executive team. Since this time, he has driven a clear vision and strategy for each part of the Coperion business, implemented a supporting organizational structure and heightened the focus on profitability.

In order to effect a smooth transition, Kim Ryan, Hillenbrand Senior Vice President and President of Batesville, will serve as the Coperion President until a permanent replacement is named. She will be working directly with Kehl to transition the leadership of Coperion over the next 90 days. Beginning today, Chris Trainor, current Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Batesville, will serve as its President during the interim.

"Thomas has been a key member of our team throughout the Coperion integration," said Joe Raver, Hillenbrand President and CEO. "He has led the organization during a time of significant change and accomplishment. I want to thank him for his leadership and contribution to both Coperion and Hillenbrand over the past several years." Raver added, "Having executives of both Kim Ryan and Chris Trainor's caliber in place through the interim period will enable both Coperion and Batesville to continue executing their respective short and long term strategies."

ABOUT HILLENBRAND, INC.

Hillenbrand, Inc. (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 and robust cash generation capabilities. HI-INC-F