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): September 30, 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.)

One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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.

(b) On September 30, 2015, Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company") received notice from W August Hillenbrand of his retirement from the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. Hillenbrand has not expressed any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

The Company's press release announcing this retirement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The information furnished pursuant to Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any Hillenbrand filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

 Exhibit Number
 Description

 99.1
 Press Release dated October 5, 2015, 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.

DATE: October 5, 2015

HILLENBRAND, INC.

BY: /S/ Nicholas R. Farrell Nicholas R. Farrell

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary 47006

(Zip Code)

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 Press Release dated October 5, 2015, issued by the Company.

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Hillenbrand

Hillenbrand Announces Retirement of Board Director Gus Hillenbrand

BATESVILLE, Ind., October 5, 2015—/PR Newswire/— The Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) board of directors announced today the retirement of board member W August "Gus" Hillenbrand.

Mr. Hillenbrand's planned retirement concludes a career spanning more than 55 years in the business his grandfather founded. He began his professional life at the Hill-Rom Company and worked his way through the ranks to become President of Hill-Rom, a position he held for seven years. He subsequently joined the Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. corporate team rising to President & CEO, and remained in that role until his retirement from daily management in December of 2000. For over 40 years, Mr. Hillenbrand was an active board member of Hillenbrand Industries, (now Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc.). In 2008, he became a founding director of Hillenbrand, Inc.

"Gus's dedicated leadership and customer focus have had a profound impact on our company," said Joe Loughrey, Chair of the Board. "It has been a privilege to serve alongside Gus on this board, and I wish him all the best in his retirement."

The company has no immediate plans to replace this open position on the board, having recently added a new director in preparation for Mr. Hillenbrand's retirement.

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About Hillenbrand

Hillenbrand (www.Hillenbrand.com) is a global diversified industrial company with multiple market-leading brands that serve a wide variety of industries across the globe. We pursue profitable growth and robust cash generation driving increased value for our shareholders. Hillenbrand's portfolio is composed of two business segments: the Process Equipment Group and Batesville. The Process Equipment Group businesses design, develop, manufacture and service highly engineered industrial equipment around the world. Batesville is a recognized leader in the North American death care industry. Hillenbrand is publicly traded on the NYSE under "HI".

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