

**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): **August 26, 2018**

HILLENBRAND, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Indiana
(State 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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the 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 Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by the check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Hillenbrand, Inc. (the "Company") has announced that Timothy C. Ryan, age 47, has agreed to become the Company's Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller, effective September 24, 2018. This announcement is more fully described in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Mr. Ryan joins the Company from Martin Marietta Materials, where he served as Assistant Corporate Controller since 2015. Prior to that, he worked for Robert Bosch (formerly SPX Service Solutions), serving as Global Controller from 2011-2015 and as Business Unit Controller, SPX Service Solutions America, from 2008-2011.

The Company has entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Ryan in substantially the same form as employment agreements it has with other non-CEO executive officers. Mr. Ryan's compensation package includes an annual base salary of \$239,000 and an annual short-term incentive compensation target at 40% of base salary. In addition, Mr. Ryan will be eligible to participate in annual equity-based awards under the Company's long-term incentive compensation plan and in connection with the commencement of his employment will receive an additional sign-on bonus of \$140,000, including a grant of \$90,000 of restricted stock units. He will also be eligible for other benefits that are commonly found in executive employment agreements.

Upon commencement of Mr. Ryan's employment, Megan A. Walke, who has been serving as Interim Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, will resume her position as the Company's Director, Financial Reporting.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated August 31, 2018, issued by the Company.

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: August 31, 2018

BY: /S/ Nicholas R. Farrell
Nicholas R. Farrell
Vice President, General Counsel,
Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

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Hillenbrand Names Timothy C. Ryan Chief Accounting Officer

BATESVILLE, Ind., Aug. 31, 2018 — Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) has named Timothy C. Ryan as its Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller, effective September 24, 2018.

In this capacity, Mr. Ryan will serve as Hillenbrand's principal accounting officer and will be responsible for enterprise-wide accounting operations, including internal and external financial reporting, and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

Mr. Ryan brings more than 20 years of finance and accounting experience to Hillenbrand, having served most recently as Assistant Corporate Controller at Martin Marietta Materials. Prior to that, Mr. Ryan served as Global Controller for Robert Bosch (formerly SPX Service Solutions). His experience also includes a variety of leadership positions at Deloitte, ArvinMeritor, and SPX Service Solutions.

Mr. Ryan earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting and Finance from the University of Michigan and his MBA from Michigan State University. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

"Tim is a talented executive, and he brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of strong financial leadership to Hillenbrand," said Kristina Cerniglia, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. "He is a great addition to the finance team as we execute our strategy to transform Hillenbrand into a world-class global industrial company."

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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 to drive 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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