
**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 26, 2008

HILLENBRAND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<hr/> Indiana (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<hr/> 1-33794 (Commission File Number)	<hr/> 26-1342272 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<hr/> One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		<hr/> 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.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 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 September 26, 2008, the Board of Directors of Hillenbrand, Inc. elected Stuart A. Taylor II to the Board of Directors, for a term expiring at Hillenbrand's next annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Taylor was elected to fill a newly created Board seat in Class I of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has not yet determined which committees of the Board, if any, Mr. Taylor will be appointed to.

Hillenbrand's press release announcing the election of Mr. Taylor is 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 September 29, 2008

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: October 1, 2008

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

DATE: October 1, 2008

BY: /S/ Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.
Chief Accounting Officer

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**Hillenbrand, Inc. Board of Directors
Appoints Stuart A. Taylor II as New Director**

BATESVILLE, Ind., Sept. 29, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — The board of directors of Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE:HI) has elected Stuart A. Taylor II to a newly created board seat, effective Sept. 26, 2008.

“We’re delighted to have Stuart join our board as a director,” said Ray J. Hillenbrand, chairman of the Hillenbrand, Inc. board of directors. “He has a very impressive record in helping new companies build the foundation for meaningful and successful growth. We believe this skill will benefit our shareholders significantly in the years ahead.”

Taylor is the chief executive officer of The Taylor Group L.L.C. in Chicago. Formed in 2001, this privately held investment group is focused on creating and acquiring businesses in partnership with women and minority entrepreneurs.

He has previously held positions as senior managing director at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and as managing director and head of CIBC World Market’s Global Automotive Group and Capital Goods Group. He had also run the Automotive Industry Group as managing director at Bankers Trust after spending 10 years at Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. in corporate finance. Stuart has been a member of the board of directors for Ball Corporation (NYSE:BLL) since 1999, where he currently serves as chairman of the Human Resources Committee.

“Hillenbrand’s board of directors has a strong vision for turning the core capabilities and solid reputation of its Batesville Casket Company operating division into growth opportunities for the enterprise,” said Taylor. “I’m very excited to be part of such an experienced and dynamic group of business leaders.”

Taylor is a graduate of Yale University and received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

ABOUT HILLENBRAND, INC. Hillenbrand, Inc. (www.HillenbrandInc.com) is the holding company for Batesville Casket Company, a leader in the North American death care industry through the sale of funeral services products, including burial caskets, cremation caskets, containers and urns, selection room display fixturing and other personalization and memorialization products. HI-INC-C