
**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 2, 2008

CIRCOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-14962
(Commission File Number)

04-3477276
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**25 CORPORATE DRIVE, SUITE 130
BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01803-4238**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(781) 270-1200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ 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))
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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 December 8, 2008, CIRCOR International, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the election by the Company’s Board of Directors on December 2, 2008 of Mr. A. William Higgins, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. This election will be effective immediately following the February 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. David A. Bloss, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, will retire from the Board of Directors of the Company effective immediately following the February 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company’s press release, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, is incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with his retirement as the Chairman of the Board of the Company’s Board of Directors, Mr. Bloss will be entitled to post-retirement benefits as previously disclosed in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 22, 2007.

Additionally, the Company’s Board of Directors also voted to reduce the number of members of the Board of Directors from eight to seven immediately upon Mr. Bloss’ retirement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by CIRCOR International, Inc., dated December 8, 2008.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 8, 2008

CIRCOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

/s/ Alan J. Glass

By: Alan J. Glass

Title: Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Frederic M. Burditt
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CIRCOR International, Inc.
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Bill Higgins to Become Chairman of the Board of CIRCOR International, Inc.

Burlington, MA, December 8, 2008

CIRCOR International, Inc. (NYSE:CIR) today announced that A. William (“Bill”) Higgins has been elected to succeed David A. Bloss, Sr. as Chairman of the Board upon Mr. Bloss’ retirement from the Board. Mr. Bloss has announced his intention to retire from the Board at the conclusion of the Board’s February 2009 meetings.

Mr. Higgins has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since March 2008 and, previous to that, as Chief Operating Officer since joining the Company in January 2005. Commenting on his elevation to the Chairmanship position, Mr. Higgins stated, “I am honored by the trust that the Board has placed in me and view this opportunity as an affirmation by the Board of our strategic vision and of our management team’s commitment to operational excellence and continuous improvement that will drive increased stakeholder value.”

CIRCOR International, Inc. is a leading provider of valves and other highly engineered products that allow customers around the world to use fluid safely and efficiently in the instrumentation, fluid regulation, aerospace and energy markets. CIRCOR’s executive headquarters is located at 25 Corporate Drive, Burlington, MA 01803. The Company can be found on the World Wide Web at www.circor.com.