

MCCORMICK & CO INC  
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Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**McCORMICK & COMPANY, INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**52-0408290**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**18 Loveton Circle**

**Sparks, Maryland**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**21152**  
(Zip Code)

**2009 EMPLOYEES STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

(Full title of plan)

**W. Geoffrey Carpenter**

**Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary**

**McCormick & Company, Incorporated**

**18 Loveton Circle**

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(Name, address and telephone of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum	Amount of
			Aggregate Offering Price	
Common Stock Non-Voting, no par value	750,000 shares (1)	\$29.08 (2)	\$21,810,000	\$1,217

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), this registration statement also covers any additional shares of the Common Stock Non-Voting that may become issuable under the plan referenced above by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) promulgated under the Securities Act. The offering price per share and aggregate offering price are based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock Non-Voting as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on April 9, 2009, in accordance with Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act.

**PART I**

**INCORPORATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission), this registration statement omits the information specified in Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the plan as required by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933. Such documents are not being filed with the Commission as part of this registration statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this registration statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference**

The following documents or designated portions thereof are incorporated herein by reference in this registration statement:

- (a) The registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008;
- (b) The registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended February 28, 2009;
- (c) The registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 28, 2009, February 19, 2009, March 11, 2009 and March 24, 2009 (except that any portions thereof which are furnished and not filed shall not be deemed incorporated); and
- (d) The registrant's registration on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on April 26, 1999 which describes the Company's Common Stock Non-Voting.

All documents subsequently filed by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this registration statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold, or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

**Item 4. Description of Securities**

Not applicable

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel**

The legal validity of the issuance of the shares of Common Stock Non-Voting offered by the prospectus has been passed upon by W. Geoffrey Carpenter, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Registrant. Mr. Carpenter owns shares of the Registrant's Common Stock Non-Voting and is eligible to participate in the 2009 Employees Stock Purchase Plan.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Under the Company's by-laws and the Maryland General Corporation Law, the directors and officers of the Company may be entitled to indemnification in respect of threatened, pending or completed actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (proceedings), to which they are made a party by reason of their position as a director or officer of the Company. In the case

of conduct in their official capacity with the Company, directors and officers will be entitled to indemnification unless the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty or the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services. In the case of criminal proceedings the director or the officer also must have had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

If the director or officer is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any proceeding, the director or officer will be entitled to indemnification against reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceedings regardless of whether the foregoing standards are met. In addition, a court of appropriate jurisdiction may order indemnification if it determines that the director or officer has met the foregoing standards, or if it determines that the director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances.

Any indemnification required or permitted by the Company's by-laws and the Maryland General Corporation Law may be against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding. However, if the proceeding is by or in the right of the Company, indemnification may be made only against expenses and may not be made in respect of any proceeding in which the director or officer is adjudged to be liable to the Company.

Under the Company's charter, the monetary liability of directors and officers to the Company or its stockholders is eliminated except for, and to the extent of, actual receipt of any improper benefit in money, property or services, or in respect of an adjudication based upon a finding of active and deliberate dishonesty material to the cause of action adjudicated.

The Company also maintains for the benefit of its directors and officers insurance covering certain liabilities asserted against or incurred by such persons in their capacity as, or as a result of their position as, director or officer of the Company. This insurance may afford protection for liabilities not subject to indemnification under the Company's by-laws and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

See the Exhibit Index.

**Item 9. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby further undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

**The Registrant.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8, and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the County of Baltimore, and the State of Maryland, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

MCCORMICK & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Alan D. Wilson  
Alan D. Wilson

President, Chief Executive Officer and

Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Principal Executive Officer:

President, Chief Executive Officer April 14, 2009

/s/ Alan D. Wilson and Chairman of the Board  
Alan D. Wilson

Principal Financial Officer:

Executive Vice President & Chief April 14, 2009

/s/ Gordon M. Stetz, Jr. Financial Officer  
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.

Principal Accounting Officer:

/s/ Kenneth A. Kelly, Jr. Senior Vice President & Controller April 14, 2009

Kenneth A. Kelly, Jr.  
A majority of the Board of Directors:

John P. Bilbrey, James T. Brady, J. Michael Fitzpatrick, Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, Michael D. Mangan, Joseph W. McGrath, Margaret M.V. Preston, George A. Roche, William E. Stevens and Alan D. Wilson.

By: /s/ W. Geoffrey Carpenter, Attorney-in-Fact April 14, 2009  
W. Geoffrey Carpenter

Attorney-in-Fact

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.1	2009 Employees Stock Purchase Plan.
5.1	Opinion of W. Geoffrey Carpenter.
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2	Consent of counsel (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney.