

NetApp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 06, 2015

**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 3, 2015**

**NetApp, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**0-27130**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**  
**495 East Java Drive**

**77-0307520**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**Sunnyvale, CA 94089**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**

**(408) 822-6000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**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.**
**Approval of George Kurian's Fiscal 2016 Compensation**

On August 3, 2015, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors (the Board) of NetApp, Inc. (the Company) approved the compensation for Mr. Kurian, effective June 1, 2015, in connection with the promotion of Mr. Kurian to the role of Chief Executive Officer, as follows:

	Previous Base Salary	FY 16 Incentive Compensation Target(1)	New Base Salary	FY 16 Incentive Compensation Target(1)
George Kurian	\$ 460,000	110%	\$ 800,000	150%(2)

- (1) Incentive compensation for the Company's named executive officers has been established pursuant and subject to the terms of the Company's Executive Compensation Plan (the Plan). Under the Plan, the funding of the bonus pool from which bonuses are paid is based on the Company's actual achievement against annual revenue and operating profit targets, with revenue weighted 1/3rd and operating profit weighted 2/3rd.
- (2) The Committee previously awarded Mr. Kurian an annual cash incentive under the Plan with a target award opportunity equal to 110% of his base salary for the full 2016 fiscal year. In connection with his promotion to Chief Executive Officer, the Committee awarded Mr. Kurian an additional cash incentive opportunity under the Plan with a target award equal to 40% of his base salary during a pro-rated performance period from June 1, 2015 through the end of the Company's 2016 fiscal year with revenue and operating income funding targets that will be measured over the pro-rated performance period and that are different than the funding targets for the cash incentives that are based on the full fiscal year performance. The additional cash incentive opportunity is intended to provide Mr. Kurian a total target cash incentive opportunity equal to 150% from June 1, 2015 through the end of the Company's 2016 fiscal year.

*Grant of Equity Awards*

In connection with the promotion of Mr. Kurian to Chief Executive Officer and as part of its long-term incentive compensation strategy, on August 3, 2015, the Committee awarded restricted stock units (RSUs) that are to vest based on achievement of certain performance goals and time-based RSUs in the amounts set forth below. The performance-based RSUs will be granted pursuant to the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (Performance Based) previously approved by the Committee and the time-based RSUs will be granted pursuant to the form of RSU Agreement previously approved by the Committee.

Additionally, the Committee awarded Mr. Kurian a one-time promotion grant in the amount set forth below. This promotion grant is in the form of performance-based RSUs and time-based RSUs.

*Grant of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units***Long-Term Incentive Award(1):**

Target Number of RSUs	Maximum Number of RSUs
128,600	257,200

**One-Time Promotion Award(1):**

Target Number of RSUs	Maximum Number of RSUs
42,900	85,800

- (1) The terms of Mr. Kurian's performance-based RSU awards are identical to those previously granted to other Company executive officers, except that the performance period for Mr. Kurian's awards will commence on June 1, 2015 and performance will be measured from that date whereas the performance period for other Company executive officers commenced on April 27, 2015, the first day of the Company's 2016 fiscal year.

*Grant of Time-Based Restricted Stock Units***Long-Term Incentive Award:**

Number of RSUs
42,900

**One-Time Promotion Award:**

Number of RSUs
42,900

The time-based RSUs are scheduled to vest in equal annual installments over four years with the first vesting date to occur on June 1, 2016, subject to continued service through the applicable vesting dates.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On August 3, 2015, the Board determined to terminate the previously announced search for a Chief Executive Officer.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NETAPP, INC.**

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /s/ Matthew K. Fawcett  
Matthew K. Fawcett  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary