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GARDNER DENVER INC Form 8-K February 25, 2011

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) February 21, 2011 Gardner Denver, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-13215 76-0419383

(State or other (Commission (IRS Employer jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.)

incorporation)

1500 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 300

Wayne, PA 19087

(Address of principal executive offices)

(610) 249-2000

(Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(b) On February 24, 2011, Gardner Denver, Inc. (the Company) announced that Frank J. Hansen, Chairman of the Board of Directors (the Board), has decided to retire as Chairman and also as a member of the Board effective following the November 2011 Board meeting, when Mr. Hansen will reach the customary Board retirement age. The Board has unanimously appointed Diane K. Schumacher, a director of the Company since 2000, to succeed Mr. Hansen as Chairperson upon his retirement. The Company s press release relating to Mr. Hansen s retirement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Gardner Denver, Inc. Press Release dated February 24, 2011

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

GARDNER DENVER, INC.

Date: February 25, 2011

By: /s/ Brent A. Walters

Brent A. Walters

Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Secretary

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