

**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 31, 2012**

Columbia Sportswear Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-23939
(Commission
File Number)

93-0498284
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**14375 Northwest Science Park Drive
Portland, Oregon 97229**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(503) 985-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (Zip Code)

(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))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(b)

As previously reported, on August 15, 2012, Columbia Sportswear Company (the “Company”) announced the intent of Michael W. McCormick to terminate his position as Executive Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing for personal reasons. Mr. McCormick’s employment terminated with the Company effective August 31, 2012. Timothy Boyle, the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, has assumed Mr. McCormick’s former duties on an interim basis.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Columbia Sportswear Company

Date: September 4, 2012

By: /s/ Thomas B. Cusick

Name: Thomas B. Cusick

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer