

AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2008

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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):

March 20, 2008

**Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-4534

23-1274455

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown,  
Pennsylvania

18195-1501

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

610 481-4911

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.**

On March 20, 2008, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. announced that its board of directors elected John E. McGlade as chairman of the board effective April 1, 2008.

McGlade, currently president and chief executive officer, succeeded John P. Jones as chief executive officer on October 1, 2007 upon his retirement. McGlade is currently a member of the board of directors and will carry the titles of chairman, chief executive officer and president.

McGlade, 54, joined Air Products in 1976 in the company's career development program and subsequently held various positions within its Gases business, including both domestic and international assignments. He was named general manager of the Chemical and Process Industries Division in 1994 and vice president of the division in 1996, where he led the growth of the company's premier position in hydrogen. In 2001, he became general manager and vice president of the Performance Materials Division. He became group vice president for the company's worldwide Chemicals Group in 2003, was named president in 2006, and assumed his current position in 2007. McGlade earned a B.S. degree in industrial engineering and an M.B.A. from Lehigh University.

The press release issued in connection with this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 20, 2008. Air Products Elects John McGlade Chairman of the Board.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

*March 24, 2008*

*By: Paul E. Huck*

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*Name: Paul E. Huck*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
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