## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): September 24, 2008 (September 23, 2008)

Kaman Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Connecticut (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-1093 06-0613548

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1332 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield,

Connecticut

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(860) 243-7100 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Stock Incentive Award for Neal J. Keating

At its meeting on September 23, 2008 the Personnel & Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved a restricted stock award of 30,000 shares of Common Stock to Mr. Neal J. Keating, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company. This award was made under the Company's 2003 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and recognizes Mr. Keating's accomplishments during his first year of service and the fact that he will not be entitled to any benefit under the Long-Term Performance Award feature of the Plan until at least 2011. Mr. Keating also received a restricted stock award for 20,000 shares of Common Stock in September 2007 upon employment commencement.

This restricted stock award is provided under the terms of the Plan. Generally, restrictions will lapse at the rate of twenty percent per year, beginning one year after the grant date. Lapsing of restrictions may be accelerated upon death, disability, retirement or upon termination of employment following a change in control event or in other termination of employment circumstances in accordance with Mr. Keating's Employment Agreement and Change in Control Agreement.

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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.

### KAMAN CORPORATION

By: /s/ Candace A. Clark

Candace A. Clark Senior Vice President,

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Date: September 24, 2008

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