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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): December 8, 2008 ITT Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana 1-5672 13-5158950
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1133 Westchester Avenue White Plains, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

10604

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (914) 641-2000

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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.

Departure of Principal Officer

On December 8, 2008, the Company announced that David Melcher was named president of ITT Defense Electronics & Services, and elected a vice president of the company. He succeeds Henry J. Driesse, who took on the leadership of ITT Defense Electronics & Services on an interim basis, effective April 15, 2008. Mr. Driesse, a Senior Vice President, had previously been with the company for 27 years and served as the head of the defense business from 2000 to 2005.

Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On December 8, 2008 the Company announced that Gretchen McClain, president of ITT Fluid Technology, will have an expanded role as president of ITT Fluid and Motion Control. In this role, Ms. McClain will oversee all of the company s commercial businesses, including those in the Fluid Technology and Motion & Flow Control segments. Mr. Nicholas Hill, previously president of ITT Motion & Flow Control, will depart the company following the transition. The company will continue to report its financial results in three segments: Defense Electronics & Services, Fluid Technology and Motion & Flow Control.

A copy of the press release relating to the matters discussed in Items 5.02 and 8.01 above is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 8, 2008

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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.

ITT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Kathleen S. Stolar

Kathleen S. Stolar

Its: Vice President, Secretary and Associate General Counsel

Date: December 8, 2008