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Registration No. 333-166752

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**AMENDMENT NO. 8  
TO  
FORM S-1**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**ERICKSON AIR-CRANE INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**3720**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)  
**5550 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 200**  
**Portland, Oregon 97239**  
**(503) 505-5800**

**93-1307561**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Charles Ryan**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Erickson Air-Crane Incorporated**  
**5550 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 200**  
**Portland, Oregon 97239**  
**(503) 505-5800**

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:  
As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.**

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If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
(Do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment No. 8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-166752) is solely for the purpose of filing Exhibits 1.1, 10.21, and 10.22. Accordingly, a preliminary prospectus has been omitted.

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**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being registered. All amounts are estimated except the SEC registration fee and the FINRA filing fee. Except as otherwise noted, all the expenses below will be paid by Erickson Air-Crane Incorporated.

Item	Amount
SEC registration fee	\$5,348
FINRA filing fee	8,000
NASDAQ listing fee	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Printing and engraving expenses	*
Transfer agent and registrar fees	*
Blue Sky fees and expenses	*
Directors and officers insurance	*
Miscellaneous fees and expenses	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ *</b>

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To be completed by amendment.

**Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities, including reimbursement for expenses incurred or, arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for indemnification of our directors, officers, employees, and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL, and our second amended and restated bylaws provide for indemnification of our directors, officers, employees, and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL. In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors, officers, and some employees containing provisions which are in some respects broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in the DGCL. The indemnification agreements may require us, among other things, to indemnify our directors against certain liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as directors and to advance their expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified. Reference is also made to Section 7 of the underwriting agreement to be filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto, which provides for indemnification by the underwriter of our officers and directors against certain liabilities.

**Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

None.

**Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a) Exhibits

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10.12	[Reserved.]
10.13	[Reserved.]
10.14	[Reserved.]

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(b)  
Financial Statement Schedules

Schedules have been omitted because the information required to be set forth therein is not applicable or is shown in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

### Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriter at the closing specified in the underwriting agreements certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriter to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted as to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 14, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such

indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for



indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, an officer or a controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and we will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus as filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Portland, State of Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 2012.

**ERICKSON AIR-CRANE INCORPORATED**

By: /s/ UDO RIEDER

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Udo Rieder  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<p>/s/ UDO RIEDER</p> <hr/> <p>Udo Rieder</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer and Director                      (principal executive officer)</p>	<p>January 20, 2012</p>
<p>/s/ CHARLES RYAN</p> <hr/> <p>Charles Ryan</p>	<p>Chief Financial Officer                      (principal financial and accounting officer)</p>	<p>January 20, 2012</p>
<p>/s/ QUINN MORGAN</p> <hr/> <p>Quinn Morgan</p>	<p>Director, Chairman of the Board</p>	<p>January 20, 2012</p>
<p>/s/ KENNETH LAU</p> <hr/> <p>Kenneth Lau</p>	<p>Director</p>	<p>January 20, 2012</p>

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