

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
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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) **October 5, 2009**

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-2402
(Commission File
Number)

41-0319970
(IRS Employer
Identification
Number)

1 Hormel Place

Austin, MN 55912

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (507) 437-5611

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On October 5, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Susan K. Nestegard to its Board of Directors. Ms. Nestegard was nominated to fill the seat created by the retirement of current Board member Luella G. Goldberg. The press release also announced the retirement of current Board member Gary J. Ray. The retirements of Ms. Goldberg and Mr. Ray will be effective on November 23, 2009.

Ms. Nestegard is the executive vice president of Global Healthcare at Ecolab, Inc., headquartered in St. Paul, MN. Ms. Nestegard will join the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Nestegard is not a party to any transaction with the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, and the Company has not entered into any material contracts or arrangements in connection with her election to the Board of Directors. She will participate in the Hormel Foods Corporation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

The press release announcing this election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits pursuant to Item 5.02

99.1 Press release, dated October 5, 2009, announcing the addition of Susan K. Nestegard to the Company's

Board of Directors

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.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: October 5, 2009

By

/s/ J. H. FERAGEN

J. H. FERAGEN

Senior Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 5, 2009

By

/s/ J. N. SHEEHAN

J. N. SHEEHAN

Vice President and Controller