

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 14, 2007**

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**Mercury Computer Systems, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Massachusetts**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**000-23599**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-2741391**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

**199 Riverneck Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01824**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 256-1300**

**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 December 14, 2007, Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. (the Company) entered into a Second Amendment (the Second Amendment) to the Employment Agreement, dated March 8, 2007 and amended September 26, 2007 (the Employment Agreement), with Robert E. Hult, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company. In connection with entering into the Second Amendment, Mr. Hult agreed to postpone his previously-announced retirement, which had been scheduled for February 1, 2008, and to instead remain an employee of the Company.

The Second Amendment extends the term of the Employment Agreement to December 14, 2009. The Second Amendment also eliminates the retention bonuses that were potentially payable to Mr. Hult on September 15, 2008 and September 15, 2009; extends the notice period for the termination by Mr. Hult of his employment to 180 days; and provides for the payment of cash consulting fees and the continued vesting of certain restricted stock awards in accordance with their original vesting schedules so long as Mr. Hult continues to be available to provide consulting services to the Company through December 14, 2009. Except to the extent expressly amended by the Second Amendment, the terms of Mr. Hult's Employment Agreement remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Second Amendment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference, and to Mr. Hult's original Employment Agreement (a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 13, 2007) and the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement (a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 28, 2007), both of which are also incorporated herein by reference.

Also in connection with the postponement of his retirement, Mr. Hult's annual base salary was increased to \$290,000, and he was granted an option to purchase 25,000 shares of the Company's common stock with an exercise price of \$15.10 per share, which was the closing price of the Company's common stock on December 14, 2007, the date of grant.

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

On December 17, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amendments to Sections 8.3 and 8.5 of the Company's By-Laws to allow for the issuance and transfer of uncertificated shares of the Company, which amendments were effective immediately. The purpose of these amendments was to ensure that the Company would be eligible to participate in a Direct Registration Program, as required by NASDAQ Rule 4350. The full text of the amendments is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Amendment to By-Laws of Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. dated December 17, 2007
10.1	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2007, by and between Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. and Robert E. Hult

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 19, 2007

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Mark Aslett  
Mark Aslett  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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