

INFINERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2010

**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 27, 2010

**INFINERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)  
169 Java Drive

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Sunnyvale, CA 94089

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408) 572-5200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))

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

**(d) Election of Director.** On October 27, 2010, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Infinera Corporation (the Company) appointed David F. Welch, Ph.D., a co-founder and Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer of the Company, as a Class II director to serve on the Board until the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2012 and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Dr. Welch was appointed to the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jagdeep Singh on October 14, 2010. Dr. Welch will not receive compensation for his service on the Board and he will not serve on any of the Board's committees at this time. More information about Dr. Welch is available in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2009 and the definitive proxy statement for the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on May 19, 2010 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2010 and March 31, 2010, respectively.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 27, 2010, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board, the Board appointed Kambiz Y. Hooshmand as the Chairman of the Board. Accordingly, Mr. Hooshmand will no longer serve as the Board's lead independent director.

Mr. Hooshmand receives compensation for his service on the Board in accordance with the Company's standard compensatory arrangement for independent directors. In addition, Mr. Hooshmand will receive an annual retainer of \$40,000 for his services as the Chairman of the Board.

**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.

**INFINERA CORPORATION**

Date: October 28, 2010

By: /s/ **MICHAEL O. McCARTHY III**  
**Michael O. McCarthy III**

**Chief Legal and Administrative Officer**