COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP

Form 8-K

September 16, 2014

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): September 12, 2014

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27618 16-0547600

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY,

AMHERST, NEW YORK

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (716) 689-5400

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; Item 5.02 APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN DIRECTORS.

Effective September 12, 2014, Ms. Stephanie Kushner retired as director of Columbus McKinnon Corporation (the "Company"). Ms. Kushner served as Chairwoman of the Company's Audit Committee and member of the Governance and Nomination Committee. She tendered her retirement notice solely for personal reasons. Ms. Kushner's retirement from the Board of Directors of the Company was mutually agreeable and did not result from any disagreement or dispute with the Company or its management. A copy of the retirement letter furnished by Ms. Kushner has been annexed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 Director Retirement Letter Dated September 12, 2014

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.

COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gregory P. Rustowicz
Name: Gregory P. Rustowicz
Title: Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer (Principal Financial

Officer)

Dated: September 16, 2014

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