

NORTHWEST PIPE CO  
Form 8-K  
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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): August 26, 2010**

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OREGON**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-27140**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**93-0557988**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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

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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

On August 26, 2010, James E. Declusin was elected to the Board of Directors of Northwest Pipe Company (the Company) for a term expiring at the Company's next Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Declusin was also elected to the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Declusin has over 40 years of experience in the steel industry, most recently as CEO of Evraz Inc. NA (Evraz). Mr. Declusin previously served as CEO of Oregon Steel Mills, Inc. from 2003 until Oregon Steel Mills was acquired by Evraz in January 2007. As a member of the Company's Board of Directors, Mr. Declusin will receive an annual retainer of \$24,000, \$1,250 for each Board meeting attended and \$500 for each meeting of a committee of the Board attended. Mr. Declusin will also receive an award of \$45,000 in 2010, payable in cash, an equivalent number of shares of Company common stock, or a combination thereof, at his election. The Company issued a press release on August 31, 2010 announcing the election of Mr. Declusin to the Company's Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Northwest Pipe Company on August 31, 2010

**SIGNATURE**

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 on August 31, 2010.

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**

(Registrant)

By */s/ Stephanie J. Welty*  
**Stephanie J. Welty,**  
**Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**