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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): March 28, 2013

CASCADE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Oregon
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12557
(Commission
File Number)

93-0136592
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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2201 N.E. 201st Avenue

Fairview, Oregon 97024-9718

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(503) 669-6300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

As previously disclosed in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on October 23, 2012 (Cascade s October 8-K), by Cascade Corporation, an Oregon corporation (Cascade), Cascade entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of October 22, 2012 (the Merger Agreement), with Toyota Industries Corporation, a corporation formed under the laws of Japan (TICO), and Industrial Components and Attachments II, Inc., a Delaware corporation and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TICO (Purchaser). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on November 2, 2012, Purchaser commenced a tender offer (the Offer) for all of the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.50 per share (the Shares), of Cascade at a price of \$65.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest (the Offer Price), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the offer to purchase, dated November 2, 2012, and the related letter of transmittal, each as amended and supplemented from time to time.

The Offer expired at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 (the Expiration Date). According to the depositary for the Offer, approximately 9,785,256 Shares were validly tendered and not properly withdrawn in the Offer, representing approximately 87.4% of the outstanding Shares on a fully diluted basis (as determined pursuant to the Merger Agreement). In addition, approximately 491,605 Shares were delivered by means of guaranteed delivery procedures. If all guaranteed delivery Shares are received, approximately 91.8% of the Shares will have been tendered. On March 28, 2013, Purchaser accepted for payment (such time of acceptance for payment, the Acceptance Time) all Shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn pursuant to the Offer, and all holders of these Shares will be paid promptly in accordance with the terms of the Offer.

On March 28, 2013, Purchaser also exercised its top-up option under the Merger Agreement to purchase from Cascade a number of newly-issued shares of Cascade common stock (the Top-Up Shares) at the Offer Price per share equal to the lowest number of shares that, when added to the number of Shares owned by TICO and its subsidiaries (including Purchaser) at the time of such exercise, equals one Share more than 90% of the number of Shares then outstanding (after giving effect to the issuance of the Top-Up Shares, and excluding from the calculation of the number of Shares then owned by TICO and its subsidiaries, but not from the calculation of then-outstanding number of shares of Cascade common stock, Shares tendered pursuant to guaranteed delivery procedures that have not yet been delivered).

Following its acquisition of the Top-Up Shares, Purchaser completed its acquisition of Cascade through the merger of Purchaser with and into Cascade, with Cascade continuing as the surviving corporation in the merger and becoming an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of TICO (the Merger), pursuant to the short-form merger provisions of the corporation laws of Oregon and Delaware in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement. The Merger became effective (the Effective Time) on March 28, 2013, upon filing articles of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of

Oregon and a certificate of ownership and merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. In the Merger, each Share issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than Shares owned by TICO, Purchaser, or Cascade (or any of their respective subsidiaries), was automatically converted into the right to receive the Offer Price, less any applicable withholding taxes, and was cancelled. Shareholders no longer have any rights with respect to the Shares other than the right to receive the Offer Price pursuant to the Merger Agreement. On March 28, 2013, TICO and Cascade issued a joint press release announcing the consummation of the Merger. A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The total consideration paid in the Offer and the Merger was approximately \$760 million. The source of the funds for the acquisition of Cascade was provided by TICO through one or more capital contributions and/or intercompany loans. TICO obtained such funds from cash on hand and/or cash generated from general corporate operating activities.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement and related transactions may not contain all information that an investor might consider important and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to Cascade's October 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continuing Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On March 28, 2013, Cascade notified the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) of the completion of the Merger and requested that trading of Cascade common stock on the NYSE be suspended. Cascade also requested that the NYSE file with the SEC a Notification of Removal from Listing and/or Registration under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), on Form 25 to delist Cascade's Common Stock from the NYSE and deregister Cascade's common stock under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act. Cascade intends to file with the SEC a certification on Form 15 under the Exchange Act, requesting the deregistration of Cascade's common stock under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and the suspension of Cascade's reporting obligations under Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act as promptly as practicable.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

Pursuant to Purchaser's exercise of the top-up option, Cascade issued 2,942,041 Top-Up Shares to Purchaser at a price equal to the Offer Price per share. Purchaser paid for the Top-Up Shares by delivery of cash and a promissory note. The information set forth under Item 2.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Form 8-K) is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.02. The Top-Up Shares issued to Purchaser pursuant to the top-up option were issued in reliance upon an exemption from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as a transaction by an issuer not involving a public offering.

Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

At the Effective Time, each Share issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than Shares directly owned by TICO, Purchaser, Cascade, or any of their respective subsidiaries immediately prior to the Effective Time, was canceled without any consideration being exchanged therefor and was canceled and converted into the right to receive the Offer Price (the Merger Consideration), less any applicable withholding of taxes.

As of the Effective Time, each stock option outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, whether vested or unvested (Cascade Option), was canceled and converted into the right to receive from TICO a lump sum cash payment equal to the product of (i) the number of Shares subject to such Cascade Option multiplied by (ii) the excess of the Merger Consideration over the exercise price per Share, less any applicable withholding taxes.

As of the Effective Time, each stock appreciation right outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (Cascade SAR) vested and was cancelled and converted into the right to receive from TICO a lump sum cash payment equal to the aggregate amount, if any, by which the Merger Consideration exceeds the base prices of the Cascade SAR, less any applicable withholding taxes.

As of the Effective Time, each restricted share of Cascade common stock outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (Cascade Restricted Shares) vested and was cancelled and converted into the right to receive from TICO a lump sum cash payment equal to (x) the Merger Consideration multiplied by (y) the number of Cascade Restricted Shares.

The information contained in Items 2.01, 3.01, and 5.01 of this Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

Item 5.01 Change in Control of Registrant.

As described in Item 2.01 above, at the Acceptance Time, Purchaser accepted for payment all Shares validly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Offer on or prior to the Expiration Date and became the majority shareholder of Cascade. As a result of the acceptance of such Shares, a change in control of Cascade occurred.

As described above, on March 28, 2013, Purchaser exercised its top-up option and purchased the Top-Up Shares. Following the exercise of the top-up option, Purchaser caused the consummation of the Merger in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement. Because Purchaser owned more than 90% of the issued and outstanding Shares following its completion of the Offer and purchase of the Top-Up Shares, Purchaser was able to effect a short-form merger with and into Cascade without prior notice to, or the approval or consent of, Cascade's shareholders, as permitted by the corporation laws of the states of Oregon and Delaware. Upon consummation of the Merger, Cascade became an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of TICO.

The information contained in Items 2.01, 3.02, 3.03 and 5.02 of this Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 5.01. The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to Cascade's October 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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

In connection with completion of the Merger, effective as of March 28, 2013, each of the following members of Cascade's Board of Directors (the Board) resigned from the Board: Dr. Nicholas R. Lardy, Duane C. McDougall, Peter D. Nickerson, James S. Osterman, Henry W. Wessinger II, and Dr. Nancy A. Wilgenbusch. Robert C. Warren, Jr. continues to serve as a director of Cascade. In addition, in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, concurrently with the resignation of the foregoing directors, the Purchaser, acting as the sole shareholder of Cascade, appointed the following individuals to serve as directors of Cascade: Chiaki Yamaguchi, Kazue Sasaki, Donald V. Esmond, Akira Onishi, Richard S. Anderson and Robert C. Warren.

Item 5.03 Amendment to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On March 29, 2013, Cascade amended and restated its bylaws in their entirety. A copy of Cascade's Amended and Restated Bylaws is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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3.1	Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated March 29, 2013.
99.1	Cascade Corporation Joint Press Release with TICO, dated March 28, 2013.

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.

Cascade Corporation

Dated: April 2, 2013

By: /s/ Joseph G. Pointer
Joseph G. Pointer
Chief Financial Officer

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