

CONMED CORP
Form 8-K
December 12, 2014

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): December 8, 2014

CONMED CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

0-16093
(Commission

File Number)

16-0977505
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

525 French Road

Utica, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

13502
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (315) 797-8375

(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:

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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.

(e)

Following the request on December 8, 2014 of Curt R. Hartman, President and Chief Executive Officer of CONMED Corporation (the Company), the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company has agreed to defer the grant of any one-time performance equity award to Mr. Hartman contemplated by his offer letter with the Company dated November 9, 2014 and previously disclosed on the Form 8-K filed November 10, 2014, until the annual equity grants are provided to other executive officers and other employees.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Statements made in this Form 8-K, other than those concerning historical information, should be considered forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or trends, to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements herein or in previous disclosures. The Company believes that all forward-looking statements made by it have a reasonable basis, but there can be no assurance that management's expectations, beliefs or projections as expressed in the forward-looking statements will actually occur or prove to be correct. In addition to general industry and economic conditions, factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements in this Form 8-K include, but are not limited to: (i) the failure of any one or more of the assumptions stated above, to prove to be correct; (ii) the risks relating to forward-looking statements discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013; (iii) cyclical purchasing patterns from customers, end-users and dealers; (iv) timely release of new products, and acceptance of such new products by the market; (v) the introduction of new products by competitors and other competitive responses; (vi) the possibility that any new acquisition or other transaction may require the Company to reconsider its financial assumptions and goals/targets; (vii) increasing costs for raw material, transportation or litigation; and/or (viii) the Company's ability to devise and execute strategies to respond to market conditions.

