

KENNAMETAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 05, 2007

**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 2, 2007**

**Kennametal Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-5318**  
(Commission File Number)

**25-0900168**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**World Headquarters  
1600 Technology Way  
P.O. Box 231  
Latrobe, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**15650-0231**  
(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**  
**(724) 539-5000**  
**Not applicable**

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

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

***Chairman of the Board and Lead Director***

At its December 2, 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors elected Carlos M. Cardoso, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cardoso will assume the Chairmanship effective as of January 1, 2008. In addition, the Board designated Larry D. Yost, who has served as the Chairman of the Board since January 1, 2007, as the Lead Director. Mr. Yost will assume the Lead Directorship effective January 1, 2008 and will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

***Other Matters***

On December 5, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Cardoso as Chairman of the Board and the designation of Mr. Yost as the Lead Director, both effective as of January 1, 2008. A copy of this press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

***(d) Exhibits.***

99.1 Press Release dated December 5, 2007 re: Chairman of the Board and Lead Director

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**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.

KENNAMETAL INC.

Registrant

Date: December 5, 2007

By: /s/ David W. Greenfield

David W. Greenfield  
Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel