

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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): April 29, 2008**

**Fortune Brands, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission File Number)

**520 Lake Cook Road**

**Deerfield, IL 60015**

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

847-484-4400

(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))

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

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

(b) Pursuant to the Fortune Brands, Inc. ( Fortune Brands or the Company ) retirement age policy, Dr. Patricia O. Ewers retired from the Board of Directors of Fortune Brands, Inc., effective April 29, 2008. The Company s policy requires directors to retire after the annual meeting of stockholders following their 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Mark A. Roche  
Name: Mark A. Roche  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: May 2, 2008