CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC Form 8-K February 03, 2012

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): February 1, 2012

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

000-15867 (Commission 77-0148231 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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2655 Seely Avenue, Building 5

San Jose, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (408) 943-1234 95134 (Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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.

(b) On February 1, 2012, John A.C. Swainson notified the Board of Directors of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (Cadence) that he has accepted an appointment with Dell Inc. as President of Dell Software, and as a result will not stand for re-election at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Swainson will continue to serve as a director of Cadence until Cadence s next annual meeting of stockholders, which is scheduled to be held on May 4, 2012.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 3, 2012

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ James J. Cowie James J. Cowie Senior Vice President and General Counsel