

NEWPORT CORP
Form 8-K
April 03, 2009

**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 30, 2009

NEWPORT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-01649

(Commission
File Number)

94-0849175

(IRS Employer
Identification No)

1791 Deere Avenue, Irvine, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

92606

(Zip Code)

949-863-3144

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

On March 30, 2009, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Newport Corporation (the Company) approved the dismissal of Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y) as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Also on that date, the Audit Committee approved the engagement of Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte) as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

E&Y's audit report on the financial statements of the Company as of and for each of the two fiscal years ended January 3, 2009 and December 29, 2007 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor was it qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

In connection with the audit of the Company's financial statements for each of the two fiscal years ended January 3, 2009 and December 29, 2007, and in the subsequent interim period through March 30, 2009, the date of the dismissal of E&Y, (i) there were no disagreements with E&Y on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements, if not resolved to E&Y's satisfaction, would have caused E&Y to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report, and (ii) there were no reportable events, as that term is described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided E&Y with a copy of this report and requested that E&Y provide a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the foregoing statements. A copy of this letter from E&Y, dated March 31, 2009, is attached hereto as Exhibit 16.1.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years and during the interim period through March 30, 2009, neither the Company nor anyone on its behalf has consulted with Deloitte regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, and no written report nor oral advice was provided by Deloitte that was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue, or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K, or a reportable event, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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16.1	Letter from Ernst & Young LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commission, dated March 31, 2009.
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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.

NEWPORT CORPORATION

Date: April 3, 2009

By: */s/ Jeffrey B. Coyne*
Jeffrey B. Coyne
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

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