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Item 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On October 22, 2008, the registrant announced that it has named Christian Ragot, President and Chief Executive Officer of FreightCar America, Inc. (Nasdaq: RAIL), and Liam McCarthy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Molex Incorporated (Nasdaq: MOLX), to its Board of Directors effective November 10, 2008. A copy of the press release issued in connection with such action is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION  
NUMBER

99.1 Press Release dated October 22, 2008

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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.

COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Karen L. Howard

Name: Karen L. Howard

Title: Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: October 22, 2008

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