

SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

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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**

December 31, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-13948

(Commission file number)

62-1612879

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**100 North Point Center East, Suite 600
Alpharetta, Georgia**

(Address of principal executive offices)

30022

(Zip code)

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1-800-514-0186

(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))
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Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

Appointment of Principal Officers

Effective December 31, 2008, Widjaja Jiemy, age 50, retired from Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc. (the Company). Since May 2005, Mr. Jiemy was President of Southeast Asian Operations and General Manager of the Company 's 50 percent owned joint venture, China Tobacco Mauduit (Jiangmen) Paper Industry Company, Limited (CTM). Replacing Mr. Jiemy, Arnold Alvarez will become General Manager of Southeast Asia Operations with responsibility for the Company 's Indonesian and Philippines paper operations and for sales of all the Company 's papers in the region, reporting to Otto Herbst, Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Alvarez, age 40, joined the Company as General Manager, PDM Philippines Industries, Inc. in July 2007. Replacing Mr. Jiemy as General Manager of CTM is Steve Jiang, age 44, who joined the Company in June 2008 as Senior Manager of China Paper Products as part of the planned succession.

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.

Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc.

By: */s/ TORBEN WETCHE*
Torben Wetche
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: January 6, 2009