

BEAM INC  
Form 8-K  
July 24, 2012

**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): July 23, 2012

**Beam Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

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

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**510 Lake Cook Road**

**Deerfield, IL 60015**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(847) 948-8888**

**(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))

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

(d) On July 23, 2012, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Beam Inc. (the Company) elected Gretchen W. Price, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of Arbonne International, LLC, as a new Director. The Board also appointed Ms. Price to the Audit Committee. Ms. Price will participate in the Company's compensation program for non-employee directors, which is described on pages 20 and 21 of the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2012.

In connection with the election of Ms. Price, the Board increased the number of Directors of the Company from seven to eight.

**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.

BEAM INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Kenton R. Rose

Name: Kenton R. Rose

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel

& Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary

Date: July 24, 2012