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): October 12, 2012

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

1-134

13-0612970

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10 Waterview Boulevard Parsippany, New Jersey (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07054 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 541-3700

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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

On October 12, 2012, the Board of Directors for Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW) elected David C. Adams to the office of President and Chief Operating Officer of Curtiss-Wright Corporation. Mr. Adams will report directly to Mr. Benante. Reporting to Mr. Adams will be the leaders of the three operating segments: Flow Control, Motion Control and Metal Treatment. Glenn E. Tynan, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Michael J. Denton, Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, and other members of corporate senior management will continue to report to Mr. Benante.

For the five years prior to his new position, Mr. Adams was Co-Chief Operating Officer of Curtiss-Wright Corporation with overall responsibility for the Motion Control and Metal Treatment segments' strategic goals, technology development, global operations and financial performance. He was President of Motion Control since 2005.

Prior to joining Curtiss-Wright in 2000, Mr. Adams had 10 years' related industry experience with Goodrich and Lucas Aerospace. He serves on the board of governors of the Aerospace Industries Association. Mr. Adams holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from California State University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from California Lutheran University.

There are no transactions, or a series of similar transactions, or any currently proposed transactions, or a series of similar transactions, to which Curtiss-Wright was or is to be a party, in which the amount exceeds \$120,000, and in which Mr. Adams had, or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 12, 2012

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.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Glenn E. Tynan</u> Glenn E. Tynan Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 15, 2012

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jim Ryan (973) 541-3766

Curtiss-Wright Names David C. Adams President and Chief Operating Officer

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Oct. 12. 2012 – Martin R. Benante, Chairman and CEO, and the Board of Directors of Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE:CW) today announced the election of David C. Adams to the new position of President and Chief Operating Officer, effective immediately.

The move was announced to better align the Company's operating structure with the evolution of the Company's expanding global operations and diversified products and markets. The selection of Adams reflects his years of successful operational performance and successful integration of acquisitions in both the Motion Control and Metal Treatment business segments.

"Given our product diversity and renewed focus on expanding our footprint in the global marketplace, it is appropriate for us at this stage to adjust our operational management structure to better capture these expanding global opportunities," Mr. Benante said. "With 32 years of industry experience, we have in Dave Adams that combination of experience and leadership that reflects Curtiss-Wright's long history of continual adaptation that enables us to always supply technology that matters to our customers."

Mr. Adams will report directly to Mr. Benante. Reporting to Mr. Adams will be the leaders of the three operating segments: Flow Control, Motion Control and Metal Treatment. Glenn E. Tynan, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Michael J. Denton, Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, and other members of corporate senior management will continue to report to Mr. Benante.

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Curtiss-Wright Corporation 10 Waterview Boulevard, Parsippany, NJ 07054 (973) 541-3700 • FAX (973) 541-3699 www.curtisswright.com For the five years prior to his new position, Mr. Adams was C o-Chief Operating Officer of Curtiss-Wright Corporation with overall responsibility for the Motion Control and Metal Treatment segments' strategic goals, technology development, global operations and financial performance. He was President of Motion Control since 2005, in which time he significantly expanded its technological depth and global scope through internal innovation, developing cross-market applications and acquiring pioneering technologies. Previously, Mr. Adams served in a variety of senior roles in the Electronic Systems and Integrated Sensing business units of Curtiss-Wright.

Prior to joining Curtiss-Wright in 2000, Mr. Adams had 10 years' related industry experience with Goodrich and Lucas Aerospace. He serves on the board of governors of the Aerospace Industries Association. Mr. Adams holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from California State University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from California Lutheran University.

About Curtiss-Wright Corporation

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is an innovative engineering company that provides highly engineered, critical function products, systems and services in the areas of flow control, motion control and metal treatment to the defense, energy and commercial/industrial markets. The legacy company of Glenn Curtiss and the Wright brothers, Curtiss-Wright has a long tradition of design and manufacturing innovation along with long-standing customer relationships. The company employs approximately 8,600 people worldwide. For more information, visit www.curtisswright.com.

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