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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 27, 2009

WESCO International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 001-14989

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

25-1723345

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**225 West Station Square Drive
Suite 700**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
(Address of principal executive offices)

(412) 454-2200

(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

On May 27, 2009, the Board of Directors of WESCO International, Inc. (the “Company”) announced a management succession plan to become effective on September 1, 2009. Under the succession plan, John J. Engel, currently the Company’s Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, will become the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer. Roy W. Haley, the Company’s current Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, will remain as Executive Chairman until the completion of his current term as a member of the Board of Directors in May 2011. In addition, Stephen A. Van Oss, the Company’s current Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, will assume the responsibilities of Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

The Board of Directors of the Company also announced that Richard P. Heyse will join the Company on June 15, 2009 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Heyse will receive an annual base salary of \$325,000, with a target bonus of 50% of his base salary and a bonus opportunity of up to 100% of his base salary, as well as a one-time sign-on bonus of \$50,000. Mr. Heyse will be entitled to receive a severance payment equal to one year’s base salary if he is terminated by the Company without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason. Mr. Heyse, age 46, previously served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Innophos, Inc., a manufacturer of specialty phosphates, since April 2005. Prior to that, Mr. Heyse was Division Controller for Eastman Chemical Company’s specialty chemicals and specialty polymers businesses from 2001 to April 2005. Prior to his employment with Eastman Chemical Company, Mr. Heyse held various positions with Koch Industries, Inc., Eaton Corporation and International Paper Company.

In connection with this management succession plan, and in recognition of the forthcoming increase in Mr. Engel’s responsibilities effective on September 1, 2009, the Company and Mr. Engel will enter into a new employment agreement or an amendment to Mr. Engel’s existing employment agreement providing for, among other things, an annual base salary of \$725,000, with a target bonus of 100% of base salary and a bonus opportunity of up to 200% of his base salary. Mr. Engel will also be eligible to receive long-term equity-based incentives under the Company’s Long-Term Incentive Plan as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company’s Board of Directors, with such long-term incentives to have an approximate grant date value on or about July 1, 2009 of \$2.1 million for 2009. In the event that prior to a change in control Mr. Engel’s employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Engel for good reason, he will be entitled to receive monthly cash payments for 24 months in an amount equal to his monthly base salary as of the termination date, a lump sum cash amount equal to his target annual incentive opportunity for the year in which he was terminated and accelerated vesting of all stock-based awards except for performance based awards where operational or performance criteria have not been met. If such termination occurs within two years after a change in control, Mr. Engel will instead be entitled to receive, (i) a lump sum cash payment equal to two times the sum of his annual base salary and his annual target incentive opportunity as of the termination date, (ii) a gross-up payment to offset certain excise taxes, if any, (iii) prorated incentive compensation for the year in which he was terminated and (iv) accelerated vesting of all stock-based awards except

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for performance-based awards where operational or performance criteria have not been met. The new or amended employment agreement will have a term of three years, thereafter, subject to one-year automatic extensions. Other than with respect to compensation, which will become effective July 1, 2009, the terms of Mr. Engel's existing employment agreement will remain in full force and effect through September 1, 2009.

Similarly, in recognition of the forthcoming increase in his responsibilities effective on September 1, 2009, the Company and Mr. Van Oss will enter into a new employment agreement or an amendment to Mr. Van Oss' existing employment agreement providing for, among other things, an annual base salary of \$600,000, with a target bonus of 80% of base salary and a bonus opportunity of up to 160% of his base salary. Mr. Van Oss will also be eligible to receive long-term equity-based incentives under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, with such long-term incentives to have an approximate grant date value of \$1.5 million for 2009. In the event that prior to a change in control Mr. Van Oss' employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Van Oss for good reason, he will be entitled to receive monthly cash payments for 24 months in an amount equal to his monthly base salary as of the termination date, a lump sum cash amount equal to his target annual incentive opportunity for the year in which he was terminated and accelerated vesting of all stock-based awards except for performance-based awards where operational or performance criteria have not been met. If such termination occurs within two years after a change in control, Mr. Van Oss will instead be entitled to receive, (i) a lump sum cash payment equal to two times the sum of his annual base salary and his annual target incentive opportunity as of the termination date, (ii) a gross-up payment to offset certain excise taxes, if any, (iii) prorated incentive compensation for the year in which he was terminated and (iv) accelerated vesting of all stock-based awards except for performance-based awards where operational or performance criteria have not been met. The new or amended employment agreement will have a term of three years, thereafter, subject to one-year automatic extensions. Other than with respect to compensation, which will become effective July 1, 2009, the terms of Mr. Van Oss' existing employment agreement will remain in full force and effect through September 1, 2009.

Mr. Haley's compensation as Executive Chairman, which will remain at its current level through June 30, 2010, will be reduced to \$600,000 for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Mr. Haley will also receive two grants of restricted stock units (RSUs)(or equivalent value) that will each vest over a three year period. The first grant of RSUs will be made on or about July 1, 2009 and have an approximate grant date value of \$4.0 million. The second grant will be made on or about July 1, 2010 and have an approximate grant date value of \$2.6 million. In the event that Mr. Haley's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Haley for good reason or by reason of Mr. Haley's death or disability, he will be entitled to receive his unpaid base salary until May 2011. In addition, upon such termination all of Mr. Haley's stock-based awards will become immediately vested and, in the case of stock appreciation rights and stock options, exercisable for 24 months. The Company and Mr. Haley will enter into a modification of Mr. Haley's existing employment agreement reflecting, among other things, his new position and compensation arrangements.

A press release announcing this management succession plan and the appointment of

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Mr. Heyse is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 27, 2009

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.

WESCO INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen A. Van Oss
Stephen A. Van Oss
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
and Administrative Officer

Dated: May 27, 2009



NEWS RELEASE

WESCO International, Inc. / Suite 700, 225 West Station Square Drive / Pittsburgh, PA 15219

WESCO International, Inc. Board of Directors Announces Succession Plan

- *John J. Engel to become President and Chief Executive Officer effective September 1, 2009*
- *Stephen A. Van Oss to become Chief Operating Officer effective September 1, 2009*
- *Richard P. Heyse to join WESCO as Chief Financial Officer effective June 15, 2009*
- *Roy W. Haley to serve as Executive Chairman until May 2011*

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PITTSBURGH, May 27, 2009/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — The Board of Directors of WESCO International, Inc. (NYSE: WCC), a leading provider of electrical MRO products, construction materials and advanced integrated supply procurement outsourcing services, announced today its intention to name John J. Engel, President and Chief Executive Officer, effective September 1, 2009. Since joining WESCO in 2004, Mr. Engel has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He has served as a member of the WESCO Board of Directors since 2008.

Under the Company's succession plan, Mr. Engel will succeed Roy W. Haley who has served as Chief Executive Officer since 1994, and will have responsibilities for the day-to-day management of WESCO. Mr. Haley will serve as Executive Chairman until the completion of his current term as a member of the Board of Directors in May 2011.

The Board also announced that Stephen A. Van Oss will assume the responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer on September 1, 2009 and will continue to serve as Senior Vice President. Mr. Van Oss currently serves as WESCO's Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, a position he has held since 2000. He is also a member of the WESCO Board of Directors.

Mr. Richard P. Heyse will join WESCO as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on June 15, 2009. Mr. Heyse joins WESCO from Innophos, Inc. (NASDAQ: IPHS), the holding company for a leading North American manufacturer of specialty phosphates, where he currently serves as Chief Financial Officer.

James L. Singleton, Chairman of WESCO's Executive Committee remarked, "Roy Haley has served the Company, its employees, shareholders, customers and suppliers with extraordinary dedication and skill during his fifteen years as CEO. We are pleased that he will continue with the Company as Executive Chairman of the Board for the next two years. We have carefully built a succession plan over the last several years to provide for a smooth transition for the next generation of leaders at the Company. Roy has been integral in ensuring that plan's success. The Board congratulates John Engel and Steve Van Oss on their new roles and welcomes Richard Heyse to WESCO. We have worked closely with John and Steve, and they have the Board's full and complete support in their new responsibilities."

In describing these changes, Mr. Haley said, "For the past several years the Board of Directors and I have placed a high priority on talent management. Today's announcement represents a major organizational milestone for the Company, and I am very pleased that we are immediately able to begin the process of transitioning to new roles and responsibilities with an experienced and seasoned management team."

In July 2004, John Engel joined WESCO as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer with direct responsibilities for all the Company's marketing, sales, operations, and supply chain business activities. He has had primary responsibilities for a wide range of operational process improvement and acquisition-related activities. Mr. Haley said, "John has been a great business partner, and he has demonstrated the ability to lead the organization to higher levels of growth and profitability. His grasp of the strategic opportunities within our industry and his commitment to organizational development, talent management, and operations execution will ensure WESCO's continued success."

Early in his career, Steve Van Oss was introduced to electrical equipment manufacturing and distribution industry through a variety of operating and financial positions with Reliance Electric. He joined WESCO in 1997 as Director, Acquisition Management, and soon picked up responsibilities for all aspects of information technology. He was appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 2000. "Steve's leadership in building strong finance and administrative capabilities has been tremendously valuable for the organization", said Mr. Haley. "His extensive knowledge of finance, IT and support functions and his

longstanding interests in sales and service activities will undoubtedly result in new insights and resources for our operating leaders and business operations.”

Richard Heyse has served in key financial management roles for industrial firms including International Paper, Eaton Corporation, Koch Industries, and Eastman Chemical. Most recently he served as Chief Financial Officer for Innophos, Inc, a specialty chemicals producer and NASDAQ listed public company. “Richard has the kind of background and experience that will ensure a quick and effective assumption of the company’s finance and accounting responsibilities,” said Mr. Haley. Mr. Heyse will join WESCO on June 15, 2009, and he and his family will relocate from the Princeton, NJ area to Pittsburgh this summer.

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WESCO International, Inc. (NYSE: WCC) is a publicly traded Fortune 500 holding company, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whose primary operating entity is WESCO Distribution, Inc. WESCO Distribution is a leading distributor of electrical construction products and electrical and industrial maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) supplies, and is the nation’s largest provider of integrated supply services. WESCO’s 2008 annual sales were approximately \$6.1 billion. The Company employs approximately 7,200 people, maintains relationships with over 24,000 suppliers, and serves more than 110,000 customers worldwide. Major markets include commercial and industrial firms, contractors, government agencies, educational institutions, telecommunications businesses and utilities. WESCO operates seven fully automated distribution centers and approximately 400 full-service branches in North America and select international markets, providing a local presence for area customers and a global network to serve multi-location businesses and multi-national corporations.

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The matters discussed herein may contain forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. Certain of these risks are set forth in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, as well as the Company’s other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.