

COOPER COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2008

**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): March 17, 2008

**THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**1-8597**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-2657368**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

**6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(925) 460-3600**

(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. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On March 17, 2008, the Organization and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of The Cooper Companies, Inc. (the Company ) approved certain compensation changes for Eugene J. Midlock, in connection with his appointment as Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Under this arrangement, Mr. Midlock s salary was set at \$380,000 with a 60% annual bonus target, both changes retroactively effective to February 12, 2008, the date Mr. Midlock was appointed as Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Midlock also received a grant of 17,500 stock options (for an annual total of 45,000) at an exercise price of 29.93, which will vest in equal portions over four years with the possibility to accelerate vesting in the event that certain stock price targets are met.

**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.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Carol R. Kaufman  
Carol R. Kaufman  
Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs,

Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer

Dated: March 20, 2008