
**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): **December 7, 2004**

Kennametal Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5318

(Commission File Number)

25-0900168

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

World Headquarters

1600 Technology Way

P.O. Box 231

Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650-0231

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(724) 539-5000**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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(d) On December 7, 2004, Timothy R. McLevish, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited, was elected to the Board of Directors of Kennametal Inc. Mr. McLevish has been named to the company's Audit and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

KENNAMETAL INC.

Registrant

Date: December 7, 2004

By: /s/ Timothy A. Hibbard

Timothy A. Hibbard

Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer