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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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 2, 2007

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**Kennametal Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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  
(Address of principal executive offices)

15650-0231  
(Zip code)

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

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.*****Chairman of the Board and Lead Director***

At its December 2, 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors elected Carlos M. Cardoso, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cardoso will assume the Chairmanship effective as of January 1, 2008. In addition, the Board designated Larry D. Yost, who has served as the Chairman of the Board since January 1, 2007, as the Lead Director. Mr. Yost will assume the Lead Directorship effective January 1, 2008 and will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

***Other Matters***

On December 5, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Cardoso as Chairman of the Board and the designation of Mr. Yost as the Lead Director, both effective as of January 1, 2008. A copy of this press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(d) Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release dated December 5, 2007 re: Chairman of the Board and Lead Director

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**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 5, 2007

By: /s/ David W. Greenfield  
David W. Greenfield  
Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel



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DATE: December 5, 2007

FOR RELEASE: Immediate

**Kennametal Names Carlos M. Cardoso Chairman of the Board:  
Larry D. Yost as Lead Director**

LATROBE, Pa, December 5, 2007 — Kennametal Inc. (NYSE: KMT) today announced that its Board of Directors has elected Carlos M. Cardoso, the company's President and CEO, to additionally serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cardoso will assume the Chairmanship effective January 1, 2008. On that date, Larry D. Yost, who has served as Chairman of the Board since January 1, 2007, will become the Lead Director. Mr. Yost will also continue in his responsibilities as Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

Mr. Cardoso, recently named one of the best CEOs in the capital goods/industrials category and machinery sector by *Institutional Investor Magazine*, joined Kennametal Inc. in 2003. Before joining Kennametal, he held executive leadership positions with Flowserve Corporation, Honeywell/AlliedSignal, and Colt Industries. A member of The Stanley Works Board of Directors and of the board of trustees of the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, Mr. Cardoso holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut, and a master's degree in management from the Hartford Graduate Center.

"Having lived and worked on three continents, Carlos brings a truly global perspective to leading Kennametal," commented Mr. Yost. "In addition, Carlos has a deep understanding, from the shop floor to the board room, of our industry. We are very pleased to have him as Chairman of the Board and I look forward to continuing to work closely with him as he leads Kennametal to the next level of performance."

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Kennametal Inc. (NYSE:KMT) is a leading global supplier of tooling, engineered components and advanced materials consumed in production processes. The company improves customers' competitiveness by providing superior economic returns through the delivery of application knowledge and advanced technology to master the toughest of materials application demands. Companies producing everything from airframes to coal, from medical implants to oil wells and from turbochargers to motorcycle parts recognize Kennametal for extraordinary contributions to their value chains. Customers buy some \$2.4 billion annually of Kennametal products and services — delivered by our approximately 14,000 talented employees in over 60 countries — with almost 50 percent of these revenues coming from outside the United States. Visit us at [www.kennametal.com](http://www.kennametal.com). [KMT-G]

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