

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): MAY 9, 2000

KENNAMETAL INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 1-5318

PENNSYLVANIA
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

25-0900168
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
1600 TECHNOLOGY WAY
P.O. BOX 231
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA 15650-0231
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On May 2, 2000, JLK Direct Distribution Inc. (JLK), an 83 percent-owned subsidiary of Kennametal Inc., issued a news release regarding the announcement of the resignation of Mr. Richard J. Orwig as President and CEO of JLK. JLK also announced that Mr. Jeffery M. Boetticher, currently a member of JLK's Board of Directors, will be replacing Mr. Orwig on an interim basis and that a search would be immediately initiated for Mr. Orwig's successor.

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.

KENNAMETAL INC.

Date: May 9, 2000

By: /s/ FRANK P. SIMPKINS

Frank P. Simpkins
Corporate Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer