
**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 ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 13, 2018**

Kennametal Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Pennsylvania

1-5318

25-0900168

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**World Headquarters
600 Grant Street
Suite 5100
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

15219

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(412) 248-8000**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

On June 15, 2018, Kennametal Inc. (“Kennametal” or the “Company”) announced that Mr. Jan Kees van Gaalen, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, would be retiring from the Company in September 2018 after serving in the role since September 3, 2015. The Company has engaged in an external search for a replacement.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 15, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing that Mr. van Gaalen would be retiring from the Company. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 [Press Release dated June 15, 2018](#)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 15, 2018

Kennametal Inc.

By: /s/ Michelle R. Keating

Michelle R. Keating

Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

DATE: June 15, 2018

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KENNAMETAL CFO JAN KEES VAN GAALEN TO RETIRE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 15, 2018 – Kennametal Inc. (NYSE: KMT) today announced that Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jan Kees van Gaalen will retire from the company in September 2018.

“Jan Kees has served the company well as CFO since 2015,” said President and CEO Christopher Rossi. “He was instrumental in helping improve the company’s cost structure and driving the current strategy of simplification, growth and modernization while providing focus on strong operating cashflows, a conservative balance sheet and investment grade ratings.”

“I want to thank Jan Kees for his contributions to the company and certainly wish him well with his future endeavors,” he added.

Mr. van Gaalen joined the company in September 2015, and has served as vice president and chief financial officer since that time. The company has engaged an external firm to assist in the search for a successor candidate.

About Kennametal

Celebrating its 80th year as an industrial technology leader, Kennametal Inc. delivers productivity to customers through materials science, tooling and wear-resistant solutions. Customers across aerospace, earthworks, energy, general engineering and transportation turn to Kennametal to help them manufacture with precision and efficiency. Every day approximately 11,000 employees are

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