

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2011

**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: **October 25, 2011**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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**Item 5.02 Certain Officers: Election of Director**

On October 25, 2011, IBM announced that Virginia M. Rometty has been elected president and chief executive officer of the company, effective January 1, 2012. She was also elected a member of the IBM board of directors, effective January 1, 2012. Ms. Rometty is currently IBM senior vice president and group executive for sales, marketing and strategy. The press release is Exhibit 99.1 of this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release

IBM's web site ([www.ibm.com](http://www.ibm.com)) contains a significant amount of information about IBM, including financial and other information for investors ([www.ibm.com/investor/](http://www.ibm.com/investor/)). IBM encourages investors to visit its various web sites from time to time, as information is updated and new information is posted.

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.

Date: October 26, 2011

By:

*/s/ Andrew Bonzani*  
Andrew Bonzani  
Vice President,  
Assistant General Counsel &  
Secretary