PENTAIR INC Form 8-K November 29, 2010

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): November 24, 2010 Commission file number 000-04689 Pentair, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

41-0907434

(I.R.S. Employer Identification number)

55416

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

5500 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 800, Golden Valley, Minnesota

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (763) 545-1730

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

Randall J. Hogan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pentair, Inc. (the Company), has entered into a prearranged stock trading plan to sell a portion of his Company stock for the purposes of exercising expiring stock options and tax planning. The stock trading plan was adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Rule 10b5-1 plans permit directors and officers who are not in possession of material, non-public information to establish prearranged plans to buy or sell company stock. Once the plan is in place, the executive may not retain or exercise any discretion over trading under the plan, although the executive may later amend or terminate the plan. The broker administering the plan is authorized to trade company shares in volumes and at times determined independently by the broker, subject to limitations set forth in the plan.

The plan expires December 31, 2011 and provides for the sale of approximately 8 percent of Mr. Hogan s current aggregate holdings of Company stock and of stock options. The transactions under this plan will be disclosed publicly through Form 144 and Form 4 filings with the Securities Exchange Commission. The Form 4 filings will also be posted on Pentair s investor relations Web site.

The plan was adopted during an authorized trading period at a time when Mr. Hogan was not in possession of material, non-public information.

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, thereunto duly authorized, on November 29, 2010.

PENTAIR, INC. Registrant

By /s/ Angela D. Lageson Angela D. Lageson Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary