

WABASH NATIONAL CORP /DE
Form 8-K
December 03, 2009

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):
December 1, 2009

Wabash National Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-10883
(Commission
File No.)

52-1375208
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

1000 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette, Indiana 47905
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(765) 771-5310

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

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

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

On December 1, 2009, Mr. Joseph M. Zachman, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, resigned from Wabash National Corporation (the “Company”) effective immediately. Mr. Zachman has been a key member of the Company’s leadership team for the past four and a half years and has contributed greatly to improve the overall operational execution of our manufacturing businesses. However, in light of the current economic environment, including the depressed demand levels within the trailer industry, the Company is continuously challenged to look at its organizational structure to assure it is sized properly and effectively for the current operating environment. Mr. Zachman’s resignation is a result of this depressed demand environment. Mr. Zachman is expected to execute a general release and receive the severance benefits described in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, including under the heading “Executive Severance Plan.”

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 thereunto duly authorized.

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: December 3, 2009

By: /s/ Mark J. Weber

Mark J. Weber
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer