

REALNETWORKS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 08, 2008

**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): May 8, 2008**

**RealNetworks, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**WASHINGTON**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-23137**

(Commission File  
Number)

**91-1628146**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2601 Elliott Avenue, Suite 1000**

**Seattle, Washington 98121**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(206) 674-2700**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**Not Applicable**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On May 8, 2008, the Company announced via press release that it intends to separate its global casual games business into an independent company and distribute shares of the newly created games company to its shareholders. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued by RealNetworks, Inc. dated May 8, 2008. |
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**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.

**REALNETWORKS, INC.**

By: /s/ Robert Kimball  
Robert Kimball  
*Senior Vice President, Legal and  
Business Affairs, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary*

Dated: May 8, 2008

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**Description**

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