

U.S. 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) October 13, 2011

GREATBATCH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16137

16-1531026

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Wehrle Drive, Clarence, New York

14031

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (716) 759-5600

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On October 14, 2011, Greatbatch, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the election of Anthony P. Bihl III to its Board of Directors (the “Board”) effective October 13, 2011. Mr. Bihl also will serve on the Board’s Corporate Governance & Nominating and Technology Development & Innovation Committees. As a Director, he will be entitled to receive remuneration in accordance with the Company’s Director compensation program disclosed in the Company’s most recent proxy statement dated April 15, 2011. Mr. Bihl’s term as Director will last until the next annual meeting of stockholders.

Mr. Bihl brings over 25 years of experience in the medical device industry, in operations, finance and general management roles. He is currently Group President AMS, a subsidiary of Endo Pharmaceuticals, which acquired American Medical Systems Holdings (“AMS”) in June 2011. Prior to the acquisition by Endo, he was Chief Executive Officer and a director of AMS., a company engaged in developing and delivering medical technology solutions to physicians treating men’s and women’s pelvic health conditions. Mr. Bihl served as Chief Executive Officer of Siemens Medical Solutions’ Diagnostics Division from January to November 2007, and as President of the Diagnostics Division of Bayer HealthCare from 2004 through 2006. Prior to that, he served in a number of operations and finance roles at Bayer Healthcare and over a 20-year career at E.I. DuPont.

Mr. Bihl also is a director of Spectral Diagnostics, Inc., a Canadian company that develops products for the diagnosis and treatment of severe sepsis and septic shock.

A copy of the press release is filed as exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 14, 2011.

SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: October 13, 2011

GREATBATCH, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Mazza

Thomas J. Mazza

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Greatbatch, Inc. Elects Anthony P. Bihl III to its Board of Directors

CLARENCE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--October 14, 2011--Greatbatch, Inc. (the "Greatbatch") (NYSE: GB) announced that Anthony P. Bihl III has been elected to its Board of Directors. Mr. Bihl also will serve on the Board's Corporate Governance & Nominating and Technology Development & Innovation Committees.

"We would like to welcome Tony Bihl to our Board of Directors," said Bill R. Sanford, Greatbatch's Chairman. "He has an impressive medical industry background, and his extensive executive and board experience in an expanding business environment will be especially beneficial to Greatbatch."

"I look forward to working together with Tony and the other Greatbatch Board members to deliver increased value for our stockholders," commented Thomas J. Hook, President & Chief Executive Officer of Greatbatch. "His knowledge and insights will make a significant contribution to our company."

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About Greatbatch, Inc.

Greatbatch, Inc. (NYSE: GB) provides top-quality technologies to industries that depend on reliable, long-lasting performance through its brands Greatbatch Medical, Electrochem and QiG Group. Greatbatch Medical develops and manufactures critical medical device technologies for the cardiac, neurology, vascular and orthopaedic markets. Electrochem designs and manufactures battery and wireless sensing technologies for high-end niche applications in the energy, military, portable medical, and other markets. The QiG Group empowers the design and development of new medical devices for our core markets.

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