

Sara Lee Corp
Form 8-K
September 12, 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 (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

September 9, 2011

Sara Lee Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-3344

36-2089049

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

3500 Lacey Road, Downers Grove, Illinois

60515

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(630) 598-6000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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

On September 12, 2011, Sara Lee Corporation announced that Christopher J. Fraleigh, an Executive Vice President of Sara Lee and Chief Executive Officer, North America, resigned from the company on September 9, 2011 to pursue other opportunities. The company has commenced a search for Mr. Fraleigh's successor. In the interim, Sara Lee's Chief Executive Officer, Marcel Smits, will also assume responsibilities for leading the North American business, and Fraleigh will be available to Smits during this transition.

A copy of the press release announcing these changes is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Sara Lee Corporation

September 12, 2011

By: *Helen N. Kaminski*

Name: Helen N. Kaminski

Title: Assistant General Counsel, Corporate & Securities

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| 99 | Press release dated September 12, 2011 |