

GENERAL MILLS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **January 15, 2014**

**GENERAL MILLS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-01185**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0274440**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Number One General Mills Boulevard**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**55426**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(763) 764-7600**

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

General Mills, Inc. (the Company) said today that Jeffrey L. Harmening, the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Cereal Partners Worldwide, will be appointed to succeed Ian R. Friendly as the Company's Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, U. S. Retail, effective May 1, 2014, with a transition period beginning March 1, 2014. Mr. Friendly will retire on June 30, 2014.

**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.

Date: January 15, 2014

GENERAL MILLS, INC.

By: /s/ Roderick A. Palmore  
Name: Roderick A. Palmore  
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary