

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO /OH/  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2008

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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 9, 2008

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-1927

34-0253240

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44316-0001

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

330-796-2121

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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.**

On December 9, 2008, the Board of Directors of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company ("Goodyear") elected Thomas A. Connell as Vice President and Controller, effective immediately. Mr. Connell succeeds Richard J. Noechel, who will become Vice President, Finance of Goodyear's North American Tire business, also effective immediately.

Mr. Connell, 59, joined Goodyear in September 2003 as Vice President and Controller and has been Vice President and Chief Information Officer since March 2008. Mr. Connell will be Goodyear's principal accounting officer and will continue to be responsible for Goodyear's information technology function. Prior to joining Goodyear, Mr. Connell served in various financial positions with TRW Inc. from 1979 to June 2003, most recently as its Vice President and Corporate Controller.

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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.

*December 12, 2008*

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

By: *Darren R. Wells*

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*Name: Darren R. Wells*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*