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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): **June 18, 2018**

**HILLENBRAND, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Indiana**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-33794**

(Commission File Number)

**26-1342272**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One Batesville Boulevard**

**Batesville, Indiana**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**47006**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(812) 934-7500**

**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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Effective June 18, 2018, J. Michael Whitted has joined Hillenbrand, Inc. (the “Company”) as its Senior Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated June 20, 2018 issued by the Company.

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99.1	<a href="#">Press Release dated June 20, 2018 issued by the Company.</a>

**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.

DATE: June 20, 2018

**HILLENBRAND, INC.**

BY: /S/ Nicholas R. Farrell

Nicholas R. Farrell

Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary  
and Chief Compliance Officer

# HILLENBRAND

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## **J. Michael Whitted Joins Hillenbrand as Senior Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development**

**BATESVILLE, Ind., June 20, 2018** — /PRNewsire/ — Hillenbrand (NYSE: HI) announced today the appointment of J. Michael Whitted as Senior Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development. Whitted will lead Hillenbrand’s efforts in mergers and acquisitions to accelerate the company’s profitable growth strategy.

“As a company, we are focused on building platforms to develop scale and enhance leadership positions in targeted markets to drive profitable growth,” said Joe Raver, Hillenbrand President & CEO. “Mike brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of identifying and executing strategic acquisitions, having advised on over 100 deals to create value in his previous positions.”

Whitted brings more than 20 years of strategy and M&A experience to the company, having served most recently as Vice President, Corporate Development for SPX Corporation and SPX Flow, Inc. Prior to that, he served as a vice president for Bear Stearns where he led corporate finance and M&A advisory transactions. Whitted’s experience also includes roles at CIBC World Markets, Bankers Trust, and First Chicago NBD. Whitted earned his Bachelor’s of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Finance and Business Economics from the University of Michigan.

Raver continued, “Mike will play an integral role in helping us accelerate our profitable growth strategy with disciplined M&A as we continue to transform Hillenbrand into a world-class, global diversified industrial company.”

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### **About Hillenbrand**

Hillenbrand ([www.Hillenbrand.com](http://www.Hillenbrand.com)) is a global diversified industrial company with multiple market-leading brands that serve a wide variety of industries across the globe. We pursue profitable growth and robust cash generation driving increased value for our shareholders. Hillenbrand’s portfolio is composed of two business segments: the Process Equipment Group and Batesville. The Process Equipment Group businesses design, develop, manufacture and service highly engineered industrial equipment around the world. Batesville is a recognized leader in the North American death care industry. Hillenbrand is publicly traded on the NYSE under “HI.”

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