
**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): **March 16, 2009**

TETRA Technologies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-13455
(Commission File Number)

74-2148293
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**24955 Interstate 45 North
The Woodlands, Texas 77380**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 367-1983**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - [] 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))
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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 March 16, 2009, the Board of Directors of TETRA Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") approved a succession plan under which Geoffrey M. Hertel, President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company, will resign from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer immediately following the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 5, 2009. Mr. Hertel will continue to serve as a director of, and be employed by, the Company following his resignation as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Under the succession plan, effective May 5, 2009, Stuart M. Brightman, age 52, will assume the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Brightman has served as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since April 2005. Mr. Brightman currently serves as a director of Compressco Partners GP Inc. Mr. Brightman served as president of the Dresser Flow Control division of Dresser, Inc. from April 2002 until April 2004. Dresser Flow Control, which manufactures and sells valves, actuators, and other equipment and provides related technology and services for the oil and gas industry, had revenues in excess of \$400 million in 2004. From November 1998 to April 2002, Mr. Brightman was president of the Americas Operation of the Dresser Valve Division of Dresser, Inc. He served in other capacities during the earlier portion of his career with Dresser, from 1993 to 1998. From 1982 to 1993, Mr. Brightman served in several financial and operational positions with Cameron Iron Works and its successor, Cooper Oil Tools. Following May 5, 2009, Mr. Brightman will not retain the title of Chief Operating Officer.

It is the intention and expectation of the Board of Directors that the Company will enter into a transition agreement with Mr. Hertel to be effective upon his resignation as President and Chief Executive Officer. The terms and provisions of the transition agreement have not been finalized and remain subject to negotiation. The final terms of the transition agreement will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and will be described in, and a copy of the final transition agreement will be attached as an exhibit to, a subsequent Current Report on Form 8-K which will be filed promptly after the execution of the transition agreement.

On March 20, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing the planned transition of the President and Chief Executive Officer position. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is 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 March 20, 2009, issued by TETRA Technologies, Inc.

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.

TETRA Technologies, Inc.

By: /s/ Bass C. Wallace, Jr.
Bass C. Wallace, Jr.
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 20, 2009

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**TETRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
ANNOUNCES A TRANSITION IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**



March 20, 2009 (The Woodlands, Texas), TETRA Technologies, Inc. (TETRA or the Company) (NYSE:TTI) today announced that effective May 5, 2009, Geoffrey M. Hertel will step down from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer and will be replaced by Stuart M. Brightman, TETRA's current Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Geoffrey M. Hertel, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "TETRA has announced today that it has formalized a succession plan whereby I will step down as President and CEO on May 5, 2009, and Stuart Brightman, our current COO, will succeed me. Since Stu joined TETRA in 2005, I've had the opportunity to watch him mature as a manager, as he expanded his knowledge of all of our entities, and I totally support his promotion. Our current senior management under Stu's leadership will be an exceptional team, on a go-forward basis.

"My decision to step aside at this time is based on a belief that the current market price for our common stock is not reflective of the value we have created. I believe that TETRA needs to continue to find ways to optimize our assets, especially in the current economic environment. In stepping down as President and CEO, I will be able to concentrate my efforts to assist Stu and our management team in this optimization effort, on a project-by-project basis. I believe that we, the stockholders of TETRA, could receive substantial value through this process. I fully intend to remain an employee of TETRA, as well as a member of our Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Compressco," concluded Hertel.

TETRA is an oil and gas services company, including an integrated calcium chloride and brominated products manufacturing operation that supplies feedstocks to energy markets, as well as other markets.

This press release includes certain statements that are deemed to be forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include statements concerning financial guidance, estimated earnings, and other statements regarding our beliefs, expectations, plans, goals, future events and performance, and other statements that are not purely historical. These forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Company in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Such statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performances or results and that actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Some of the factors that could affect actual results are described in the section titled "Certain Business

Risks” contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as well as other risks identified from time to time in its reports on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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