

NEWPORT CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 04, 2009

**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 2, 2009**

**NEWPORT CORPORATION**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Nevada**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)*

**000-01649**

*(Commission File Number)*

**94-0849175**

*(IRS Employer Identification No.)*

**1791 Deere Avenue, Irvine, California**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**92606**

*(Zip Code)*

**(949) 863-3144**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**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)
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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.**

(b) On December 2, 2009, Markos I. Tambakeras notified Newport Corporation (the Registrant ) that he will resign as a member of the Registrant s Board of Directors (the Board ) effective December 31, 2009. Mr. Tambakeras was appointed to the Board in May 2008 and has served continuously since that time. He is currently a member of the Registrant s Audit and Compensation Committees. Mr. Tambakeras resignation from the Board does not involve any disagreement with the Registrant on any matter relating to the Registrant s operations, policies or practices.

**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.

NEWPORT CORPORATION

Date: December 4, 2009

By: */s/ Jeffrey B. Coyne*  
Jeffrey B. Coyne  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and  
Corporate Secretary