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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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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 31, 2010, the registrant announced that Joseph Maliekel has been appointed as Chief Accounting Officer. A copy of the press release issued in connection with such action is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c)Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release dated March 31, 2010

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Karen L. Howard  
Name: Karen L. Howard  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 31, 2010

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