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): May 19, 2013

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27618 (Commission File Number) 16-0547600 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

| 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY, | 14228-1197 |
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| AMHERST, NEW YORK | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (716) 689-5400

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; 5.02: APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN DIRECTORS

Effective May 19, 2013, Mr. Christian B. Ragot resigned as director of Columbus McKinnon Corporation (the "Company"). He tendered his resignation in accordance with the Company's Board of Directors General Corporate Governance Policy because of a change in employment to avoid a potential conflict resulting from his newly formed company NorthWater Capital Partners, LLC future investment strategy. Mr. Ragot's resignation from the Board of Directors of the Company was mutually agreeable and did not result from any disagreement or dispute with the Company or its management.

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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.

COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gregory P. Rustowicz Name: Gregory P. Rustowicz Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: May 23, 2013