COOPER COMPANIES INC Form 8-K February 12, 2008

### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): February 11, 2008

# THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-8597 (Commission File Number) 94-2657368 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588

(Address of principal executive offices)

(925) 460-3600

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Appointment of Certain Officers.

On February 11, 2008, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of The Cooper Companies, Inc. (the Company ) appointed Eugene J. Midlock as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective February 12, 2008. The appointment followed the resignation of Steven M. Neil from the position. Mr. Neil is leaving the Company, effective February 29, 2008, to join Diamond Foods, Inc., where he has been a member of its board of directors since 2005.

Mr. Midlock has served as Vice President, Finance of the Company since November 2007. Prior to that, Mr. Midlock served as the Company s Vice President, Taxes from January 2005. From November 2003 until December 2004 he served as a consultant to the Company. During this period he also served as an instructor in the Master of Science in Taxation program of San Jose State University. From 1979 until he retired in 2002, Mr. Midlock was a partner and held a number of leadership positions with KPMG.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Carol R. Kaufman Carol R. Kaufman Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs,

Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer

Dated: February 12, 2008