# 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 4, 2011

# HAWKINS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota** (State of Incorporation)

**0-7647** (Commission File Number)

**41-0771293** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 East Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**55413** (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (612) 331-6910

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

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 1, 2010, we announced that our Chief Executive Officer, John R. Hawkins, was diagnosed with liver cancer. We had previously announced on February 23, 2010 that our Board of Directors had promoted Patrick H. Hawkins to President of our company effective March 29, 2010 as part of the Board's succession planning efforts. On March 4, 2011, Patrick H. Hawkins issued a message to our employees regarding John R. Hawkins. A copy of that message is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. At a meeting held March 4, 2011, the Board reaffirmed our company's current succession plan.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Message to employees dated March 4, 2011

## **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.

HAWKINS, INC.

Date: March 4, 2011

/s/ Richard G. Erstad

Richard G. Erstad

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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March 4, 2011

#### Message from Patrick Hawkins, President

Many of you have asked, so I wanted to share with you an update on John Hawkins. As I am sure you know, John was diagnosed with cancer some time ago and has gone through a number of aggressive treatments. These are difficult words to write, but the doctors have determined the treatments are no longer working and, as a result, John is at home on hospice care. I realize that an e-mail is not the preferred way of receiving this message, but we wanted to be able to get the word out to all of you promptly. The executive team's doors are open—please stop in if you need to talk.

Many people feel helpless in situations like this, but I think we have a great opportunity right now. I invite you to write John a personal note. We don't often get to share with people how they impacted us until after they are gone, but we can do so now. If you're interested in sending him a note, please do. I know it would make his day. LuAnn will be gathering cards and notes to forward to John, or she can give you his address to send something directly.

Please keep John and his family in your prayers.