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): October 14, 2003

Commission File Number: 0-21660

PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

61-1203323 (I.R.S. Employer identification number)

2002 Papa Johns Boulevard Louisville, Kentucky 40299-2334

(Address of principal executive offices)

(502) 261-7272

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On October 14, 2003, Papa John's International, Inc. announced that Mary Ann Palmer, Senior Vice President and Chief Resource Officer, has resigned to pursue other interests. Palmer, whose responsibilities included field and brand marketing, will continue as a consultant to Papa John's as the company interviews candidates for her replacement.

Description

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

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Papa John's International, Inc. press release dated October 14, 2003

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.

PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: October 15, 2003

/s/ J. David Flanery

J. David Flanery Senior Vice President of Finance and Principal Accounting Officer



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAPA JOHN'S ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF MARKETING SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT MARY ANN PALMER

Louisville, Kentucky (October 14, 2003) — Papa John's International, Inc. (Nasdaq: PZZA) today announced that Mary Ann Palmer, Senior Vice President and Chief Resource Officer, has resigned to pursue other interests. Palmer, whose responsibilities included field and brand marketing, will continue as a consultant to Papa John's as the company interviews candidates for her replacement.

"We appreciate Mary Ann's seven years of service to the company," said Papa John's Founder and Chief Executive Officer, John H. Schnatter. "During her tenure with the company, Mary Ann worked extremely hard for both the Papa John's corporate and franchise system, producing some very high quality work for our brand and innovating many improvements. I'm personally grateful for her dedication and commitment to Papa John's and wish her the very best."

At September 28, 2003, there were 2,803 Papa John's restaurants (591 company-owned and 2,212 franchised) operating in 49 states and 12 international markets. Papa John's also franchises 139 Perfect Pizza restaurants in the United Kingdom. For more information about the company, visit Papa John's at http://www.papajohns.com.