
**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 10, 2009

(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)

61-1203323
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2002 Papa John's Boulevard
Louisville, Kentucky 40299-2367**
(Address of principal executive offices)

(502) 261-7272
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 11, 2009, Papa John's International, Inc. (the "Company") announced the promotion of William Mitchell to President, USA. Mr. Mitchell succeeds William M. Van Epps, who resigned as President, USA effective March 10, 2009 to pursue other interests. As President, USA, Mr. Mitchell will report to the Chief Executive Officer and be responsible for leading the Company's U.S. corporate and franchise restaurant operations, real estate and new business development.

Mr. Mitchell has served as Papa John's Senior Vice President of Domestic Operations since February 2007. From 2006 to 2007, he served as Papa John's Division Vice President for the Midwest, the company's largest division. From 2000 to 2006, he served as Papa John's Operations Vice President for the central United States.

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has approved an annualized base salary for Mr. Mitchell of \$400,000. He will also participate in the Company's short-term and long-term incentive compensation programs offered to the Company's senior executive officers.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company issued a press release on March 11, 2009. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information in the press release is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K. Accordingly, the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release issued by Papa John's International, Inc., dated March 11, 2009.

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.

PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: March 13, 2009

By: /s/ J. David Flanery

Name: J. David Flanery
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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PAPA JOHN'S PROMOTES WILLIAM MITCHELL TO PRESIDENT, USA

LOUISVILLE, KY (March 11, 2009) — Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) today announced the promotion of William Mitchell to President, USA. Mitchell succeeds William Van Epps, who is leaving to pursue other interests after seven years with the company. As President, USA, Mitchell will report to the CEO and be responsible for leading U.S. corporate and franchise restaurant operations, real estate and new business development.

"We thank Bill Van Epps for his service to the Papa John's system," said John Schnatter, Papa John's Founder Chairman and Interim Chief Executive Officer. "Bill has made some outstanding contributions to Papa John's, both in the marketing and operations areas, to help keep our brand vibrant over the years. We wish him the very best in all his future endeavors."

Van Epps will work with the company to assist with the transition of his responsibilities as needed over the coming months.

Mitchell has served as Papa John's Senior Vice President of Domestic Operations since February 2007, responsible for overseeing all aspects of the company's U.S. operations. From 2006 to 2007, he served as Papa John's Division Vice President for the Midwest, the company's largest division. And from 2000 to 2006, he served as Papa John's Operations Vice President for the central United States.

"Bill Mitchell is a talented operator and I am pleased to have him lead our U.S. corporate and franchise operations teams," commented Schnatter. "Bill and his outstanding team of operators in the field do a great job delivering on our 'Better Ingredients. Better Pizza' brand promise every day."

In total, Mitchell has nearly 20 years of experience in restaurant operations. Prior to joining Papa John's, he was with AFC Enterprises, Inc., serving in various operations roles including Senior Director of Franchise Operations for Popeye's restaurants, responsible for business

planning and overseeing operations for 1,400 franchised units. From 1993 to 1996, Mitchell was with RTM Restaurant Group overseeing operations for Mrs. Winner's restaurants in the Georgia region. From 1990 to 1993, Mitchell was with PepsiCo, Inc., holding training and operations positions with increasing levels of responsibility within the KFC system.

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) is the world's third largest pizza company. For nine years running, consumers have rated Papa John's No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the highly regarded American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Papa John's also ranks first among pizza companies in the 2008 Brand Keys Customer Loyalty Engagement Index, was honored by Restaurants & Institutions Magazine (R&I) with the 2008 Silver Award for Consumers' Choice in Chains in the pizza segment, and was named 2007 Pizza Today Chain of the Year. For more information about the company or to order pizza online, visit Papa John's at www.papajohns.com.

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