

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): August 2, 2013

**PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-21660**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**61-1203323**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2002 Papa John's Boulevard**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**40299-2334**  
(Zip Code)

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 August 6, 2013, Papa John's International, Inc. (the "Company") announced the appointment of Anthony N. Thompson as President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to his new appointment, Mr. Thompson served as Chief Operating Officer since July, 2012 and as Executive Vice President, Global Operations since July, 2011. He will continue to serve as President, PJ Food Service, a position to which he was appointed in May 2010. Mr. Thompson joined Papa John's in 2006 and has held the positions of Executive Vice President, North American Operations from December 2010 to July 2011, Senior Vice President, PJ Food Service from 2009 to May 2010 and Vice President, QCC Operations from 2006 to 2009.

In connection with Mr. Thompson's promotion, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors awarded Mr. Thompson an equity grant valued at approximately \$420,000, with a three-year graded vesting schedule consisting of equal values of time vested restricted stock and stock options with a 10-year term. The equity awards are effective and the strike price for the stock options will be determined two business days after the Company's release of second quarter 2013 earnings.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the new appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits*

The following document is herewith furnished as an exhibit to this report:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Papa John's International, Inc. press release dated August 6, 2013.

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**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.

**PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: August 6, 2013

/s/ Lance F. Tucker

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Lance F. Tucker  
Chief Financial Officer, Chief  
Administrative Officer and Treasurer

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## Papa John's Announces Senior Management Promotion

### *Tony Thompson promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer, reporting to Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, John Schnatter*

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--August 6, 2013--Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) today announced the promotion of Tony Thompson to President and Chief Operating Officer, continuing to report to Papa John's Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, John Schnatter. Thompson most recently served as Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and President, PJ Food Service. "Tony has been a tremendous asset to the entire Papa John's system," said Schnatter. "I will continue to partner with him in his new role as we provide leadership to achieve our plans for international and domestic growth and continue to position the company for long-term success."

Thompson is responsible for leading the company's global operations and will continue to lead the operations of PJ Food Service, Inc., Papa John's food manufacturing and distribution subsidiary; Research & Development/Quality Assurance, Development, Marketing and Information Systems functions.

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) is the world's third largest pizza company. For 12 of the past 14 years, consumers have rated Papa John's No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Papa John's is the Official Pizza Sponsor of the National Football League. For more information about the company or to order pizza online, visit Papa John's at [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com)

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain matters discussed in this press release and other company communications constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Generally, the use of words such as "expect," "estimate," "believe," "anticipate," "will," "forecast," "plan," "project," or similar words identify forward-looking statements that we intend to be included within the safe harbor protections provided by the federal securities laws. Such statements may relate to projections concerning revenue, earnings, margins, unit growth, capital expenditures and other financial and operational measures. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those matters expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements.

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The risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are involved in our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: changes in pricing or other marketing or promotional strategies by competitors which may adversely affect sales, including an increase in or continuation of the aggressive pricing and promotional environment; new product and concept developments by food industry competitors; the ability of the company and its franchisees to meet planned growth targets and operate new and existing restaurants profitably; general economic conditions and resulting impact on consumer buying habits; changes in consumer preferences; increases in or sustained high costs of food ingredients and other commodities, paper, utilities, fuel, employee compensation and benefits, insurance and similar costs (including the impact of the implementation of federal health care legislation); the ability of the company to pass along increases in or sustained high costs to franchisees or consumers; the impact of legal claims and current or proposed legislation impacting our business; the impact that product recalls, food quality or safety issues, and general public health concerns could have on our restaurants; and increased risks associated with our international operations. These and other risk factors are discussed in detail in "Part I. Item 1A. - Risk Factors" of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2012. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of future events, new information or otherwise.

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