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# 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): January 24, 2011

of Report (Bute of current event reported). Junuary 21, 20

#### MERRIMAN HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-15831 11-2936371 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

600 California Street, 9th Floor, 94108 San Francisco, California (Zip Code) ( Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (415) 248-5600

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;

5.02 Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

### (b) Resignation of Officer

Peter V. Coleman Resigned as Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the Company's subsidiary, Merriman Capital, Inc., effective January 24, 2011.

#### (c) Appointment of Officer

On January 24, 2011 Jack Thrift was appointed Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the Company's subsidiary, Merriman Capital, Inc., effective January 24, 2011. Thrift has more than 20 years of experience in finance, accounting and operations. He served as managing director of operations and partner of SEC registered investment advisor, White Oak Global Advisors, LLC from July 2008 through October 2010. He was COO of Merriman Curhan Ford Asset Management from June 2008 to July 2008. Prior to that, he served as partner and CFO of Pacific Growth Equities LLC, where he was in charge of accounting, financial analysis and financial operations; he also served as COO of Pacific Growth Equity Management LLC, where he oversaw fund administration and accounting activities for hedge funds and venture funds from February 2005 to June 2008. Prior to Pacific Growth, Thrift was CFO of Transnational Financial Network, Inc. (AMEX:TFN), where he directed accounting and control functions for the company and managed the accounting, human resources and information technology departments. Earlier in his career, he was a senior manager of assurance services at Deloitte & Touche LLP, where he provided accounting and audit management to financial services clients. Thrift has a B.S. in Accountancy from University of Southern California.

Item Exhibits 9.01(d)

10.47 Form of Peter V. Coleman Transition Agreement

99.1 Press Release announcing appointment of Jack Thrift, and the resignation of Peter V. Coleman, as Chief Financial Officer.

#### **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.

MERRIMAN HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: January 25, 2011 By: /s/ D. JONATHAN MERRIMAN

D. Jonathan Merriman Chief Executive Officer