

REALNETWORKS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 08, 2008

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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):

July 1, 2008

RealNetworks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

0-23137

91-1628146

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2601 Elliott Avenue, Suite 1000, Seattle,  
Washington

98121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(206) 674-2700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

To the extent applicable, the information regarding John J. Giamatteo disclosed under Item 5.02 is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On July 1, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of RealNetworks, Inc. ("RealNetworks") approved amended severance provisions for John J. Giamatteo as part of the terms of his employment as the Chief Operating Officer of RealNetworks. Pursuant to these severance provisions, in the event RealNetworks terminates the employment of Mr. Giamatteo without cause, RealNetworks will provide Mr. Giamatteo with twelve months' notice, or it will pay Mr. Giamatteo his then-current base salary in lieu of notice through any remaining portion of the notice period.

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**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.

RealNetworks, Inc.

*July 8, 2008*

*By: /s/ Michael Eggers*

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*Name: Michael Eggers*

*Title: SVP, Finance & Chief Financial Officer*