

REALNETWORKS INC
Form 8-K
December 03, 2008

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):

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

On December 1, 2008, Jeremy Jaech, a member of the Board of Directors of RealNetworks, Inc. (the "Company"), informed the Company that he will not stand for re-election at the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting"). Mr. Jaech is not standing for re-election due to his recent appointment as chief executive officer of Verdiem Corporation and his desire to focus on his new responsibilities as Verdiem's CEO and not due to any disagreement with the Company. Mr. Jaech, who has served as a director since 2002, will continue to serve as a director and a member of the Compensation, Audit and Strategic Transactions Committees of the Board of Directors until the expiration of his term at the Annual Meeting.

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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.

December 3, 2008

By: */s/ Robert Kimball*

Name: Robert Kimball

Title: Sr. VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary