ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES INC Form 8-K February 26, 2010

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): February 24, 2010

ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON (State or other jurisdiction

0-12853 (Commission File Number) 93-0370304 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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13900 NW Science Park Drive, Portland, Oregon 97229
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (503) 641-4141

No Change

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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<u>Item 5.02</u> <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers</u>

On February 24, 2010, the Board of Directors of Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. (the <u>Company</u>) appointed David Nierenberg as a director of the Company. Mr. Nierenberg was also appointed to the Compensation Committee of the Company. In connection with his appointment, Mr. Nierenberg was awarded 12,500 restricted stock units, 25% of which will vest on the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99 Press release dated February 26, 2010.

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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.

Date: February 26, 2010.

Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Paul Oldham Name: Paul Oldham

Title: Vice President of Administration,

Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary