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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): May 8, 2009 (May 5, 2009)

Crawford & Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Georgia (State or Other Jurisdiction of

1-10356 (Commission File Number) 58-0506554 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

Incorporation)

1001 Summit Blvd, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30319

(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(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))

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

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

On May 7, 2009, Crawford & Company (the Company) announced that the Board of Directors of the Company, upon the recommendation of the Company s Nominating / Corporate Governance / Compensation Committee, elected Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré (Ret.) as a director of the Company. Lt. Gen. Honoré was a 37-year veteran of the United States Army and held numerous command positions during his service. Most recently, he served as Commanding General, First U.S. Army from 2004 until 2008, and headed the Joint Task Force Katrina in 2005. Since his retirement from the United States Army in February 2008, Lt. Gen. Honoré has become a senior scientist with The Gallup Organization, a performance management consulting firm, and has served in numerous other capacities as a professor, consultant and professional speaker.

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.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY

By: /s/ Allen W. Nelson Name: Allen W. Nelson

Title: Executive Vice President General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary

Date: May 8, 2009