

NORTHWEST PIPE CO  
Form 8-K  
October 08, 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): October 5, 2010**

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**OREGON**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**0-27140**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**93-0557988**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

On October 5, 2010, Brian W. Dunham resigned as President and as a member of the Board of Directors of Northwest Pipe Company (the Company ). In connection with his resignation, Mr. Dunham and the Company entered into a Separation Agreement and Release (the Agreement ) pursuant to which the Company has agreed to pay Mr. Dunham an amount equal to his base salary of \$570,000 over the next twelve months, and Mr. Dunham has agreed to be available to consult with the Company over the next twelve months. The Company has also agreed to pay the first twelve months premiums for continuation of Mr. Dunham s health insurance coverage. The foregoing description of the Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on October 5, 2010, Richard A. Roman was elected President of the Company. Mr. Roman was elected Chief Executive Officer of the Company on March 29, 2010, and has been a member of the Company s Board of Directors since 2003. Mr. Roman served as President of Columbia Ventures Corporation, a private investment company, from 2002 through March 2010. Prior to joining Columbia Ventures in 1992, Mr. Roman was a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, an independent accounting firm.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 Separation Agreement and Release between Northwest Pipe Company and Brian W. Dunham dated as of October 5, 2010

**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 thereunto duly authorized on October 8, 2010.

**NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY**

(Registrant)

By */s/* RICHARD A. ROMAN  
**Richard A. Roman,**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**