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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - o 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 Principal Officers; Elections of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Pursuant to the Board of Directors Governance Policies, which require a director to retire upon the later of the Annual Shareholders Meeting following the director's 72^d birthday or the end of the year in which he or she reaches the age of 72, Ned C. Lautenbach retired from the Board effective December 31, 2016. At such time, the size of the Board was reduced from fourteen to thirteen members.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

EATON CORPORATION PLC

Date: January 3, 2017 /s/ Thomas E. Moran

Thomas E. Moran

Senior Vice President and Secretary