COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP Form 8-K August 18, 2010

#### 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): August 12, 2010

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27618 (Commission File Number) 16-0547600 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

14228-1197

(Zip Code)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY, AMHERST, NEW YORK

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (716) 689-5400

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

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

On August 12, 2010, the registrant announced that it has accepted the resignation of Joseph Maliekel as Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. Karen Howard, Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Columbus McKinnon, will assume the duties of Chief Accounting Officer.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

# COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION

By: Name: Title: /s/ Karen L. Howard Karen L. Howard Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 18, 2010