

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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 20, 2008**

**Mercury Computer Systems, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-23599**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-2741391**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**199 Riverneck Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01824**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 256-1300**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 20, 2008, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. (Mercury) elected Russell K. Johnsen as its new Chairman, effective upon the previously announced retirement of James R. Bertelli as non-executive Chairman at the Special Meeting in Lieu of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on November 17, 2008. Mr. Johnsen has been a member of the Board since 2001 and is presently Mercury's Lead Independent Director and a member of the Compensation Committee of the Board.

**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.

Dated: October 24, 2008

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Alex A. Van Adzin  
Alex A. Van Adzin  
Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporation Secretary