

PENTAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 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 26, 2010  
Commission file number 000-04689  
Pentair, Inc.**

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

**Minnesota**

**41-0907434**

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

**(I.R.S. Employer Identification number)**

**5500 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 800, Golden Valley,  
Minnesota**

**55416**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (763) 545-1730**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 26, 2010, Pentair, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third quarter of 2010 and a conference call in connection therewith. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

This press release refers to certain non-GAAP financial measures (adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margins, adjusted earnings per share and free cash flow) and a reconciliation of those non-GAAP financial measures to the corresponding financial measures contained in the Company's financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margins and adjusted earnings per share eliminate certain expenses incurred in 2009 to restructure certain operations of the Company by reducing headcount as a result of the significant continuing downturn in the global economy. Management utilizes these adjusted financial measures to assess the run-rate of its continuing operations against those of comparable periods without the distortion of these factors. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures will be useful to investors as well to assess the continuing strength of the Company's underlying operations in light of the downturn in the residential end markets.

The Company uses free cash flow to assess its cash flow performance. The Company believes free cash flow is an important measure of operating performance because it provides the Company and its investors a measurement of cash generated from operations that is available to pay dividends and repay debt. In addition, free cash flow is used as a criterion to measure and pay incentive-based compensation. The Company's measure of free cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions

Not applicable

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is provided as part of the information furnished under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Description

99.1 Pentair, Inc. press release dated October 26, 2010 announcing the earnings results for the third quarter 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 26, 2010.

PENTAIR, INC.  
Registrant

By /s/ John L. Stauch  
John L. Stauch  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K  
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