

BOISE INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 18, 2011

**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: March 18, 2011**

**Date of Earliest Event Reported: March 14, 2011**

**1111 West Jefferson Street, Suite 200**

**Boise, Idaho 83702-5388**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)**

**(208) 384-7000**

**(Registrants telephone number, including area code)**

<b>Commission</b>	<b>Exact Name of Registrant as</b>	<b>I.R.S. Employer</b>	<b>State or Other</b>
<b>File Number</b>	<b>Specified in Its Charter</b>	<b>Identification No.</b>	<b>Jurisdiction of</b>

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			Incorporation or
			Organization
001-33541	Boise Inc.	20-8356960	Delaware
333-166926-04	BZ Intermediate Holdings LLC	27-1197223	Delaware
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This Form 8-K filing is a combined report being filed separately by two registrants: Boise Inc. and BZ Intermediate Holdings LLC. Unless the context indicates otherwise, any reference in this report to the company, we, us, our, or Boise refers to Boise Inc. together with BZ Intermediate Holdings LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**  
**(e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

2011 Equity Awards

On March 14, 2011, the compensation committee of our board of directors approved 2011 equity awards to our named executive officers under the Boise Inc. Incentive and Performance Plan, as shown in the following table:

Name	Restricted	Restricted	Stock	Performance
	Stock	Stock Units	Options	Units
	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)
Alexander Toeldte	67,694		133,356	65,702
Jeffrey P. Lane	10,898		21,472	10,578
Robert E. Streng		10,898	21,472	10,578
Robert A. Warren		21,034	41,438	20,416

*Restricted Stock/Restricted Stock Units*

The first component of the 2011 equity awards consists of service-condition vesting restricted stock or restricted stock units. Fifty percent (50%) of the shares or units will vest on March 15, 2013, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) will vest on March 17, 2014, subject to the provisions of the Restricted Stock (Restricted Stock Unit) Award Agreements.

*Stock Options*

The second component of the 2011 equity awards consists of nonqualified stock options to purchase shares of our common stock at a price of \$8.55 per share. Fifty percent (50%) of the option amount will vest and become exercisable on March 15, 2013, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) will vest and become exercisable on March 17, 2014, subject to the provisions of the Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement.

*Performance Units*

The final component of the 2011 equity awards consists of performance units. Fifty percent (50%) of the performance units will vest on March 15, 2013, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) will vest on March 17, 2014, subject to the provisions of the Performance Unit Award Agreement. The number of performance units awarded will be adjusted based on the achievement of RONO (our Adjusted Operating Income divided by the sum of average Property, Plant and Equipment, average Goodwill and Other

Intangible Assets, and average Operating Working Capital). RONO will be measured for the period beginning on January 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2012. Target RONO is 10.0%. The table below identifies adjustment multiples for specified levels of RONO:

RONOA	Adjustment Multiple
7.9%	30%
8.5%	50%
10.0%	100%
11.5%	150%
13.0%	200%

The above summaries of the three components of the 2011 equity awards do not purport to be complete and are subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to the text of the forms of the Restricted Stock (Restricted Stock Unit) Award Agreements, the Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement, and the Performance Unit Award Agreement filed as Exhibits 99.1, 99.2, 99.3, and 99.4, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Exhibits 99.1, 99.2, 99.3, and 99.4 are incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**  
Annual Shareholders Meeting

We will hold our annual shareholders meeting at 9:00 a.m. MDT on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, in Boise, Idaho. The record date to determine shareholders eligible to vote at the meeting is Friday, March 18, 2011.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**  
**(d) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 99.1	Form of Boise Inc. Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated March 15, 2011 (Officers)
Exhibit 99.2	Form of Boise Inc. Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement dated March 15, 2011 (Officers)
Exhibit 99.3	Form of Boise Inc. Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement dated March 15, 2011 (Officers)
Exhibit 99.4	Form of Boise Inc. Performance Unit Award Agreement dated March 15, 2011 (Officers)

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BOISE INC.

By                      /s/    KAREN E. GOWLAND  
                                 **Karen E. Gowland**

**Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

Date: March 18, 2011

BZ INTERMEDIATE HOLDINGS LLC

By                      /s/    KAREN E. GOWLAND  
                                 **Karen E. Gowland**

**Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**