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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) December 11, 2007 INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC. ______ (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) 1-4858 New York (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation) File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 521 West 57th Street, New York, New York __________ (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 765-5500 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) |_| Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b) |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On December 11, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, with the assistance of independent compensation consultants, approved an increase in the compensation of Mr. Nicolas Mirzayantz, Business Unit President, Fragrances, and Mr. Hernan Vaisman, Business Unit President, Flavors, effective as of January 1, 2008, as follows:

(i) The Compensation Committee determined to increase (a) the base salary of Mr. Mirzayantz, who is a named executive officer in the Company's most recent proxy

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statement, by 8% to \$475,000 and (b) the base salary of Mr. Vaisman by 13% to \$450,000.

- (ii) The Compensation Committee determined that, based on his grade level, each of Mr. Mirzayantz and Mr. Vaisman would be eligible for a grant of equity awards under the Company's Long Term Equity Choice Program (the "Program") under the Company's 2000 Stock Award and Incentive Plan ("2000 SAIP") for a target dollar award value under the Program of \$400,000. Under the Program, Mr. Mirzayantz and Mr. Vaisman will each be entitled to choose from three alternative types of equity awards and will be granted those equity awards under the 2000 SAIP up to his dollar award value. Grants of equity awards under the Program, based on each participant's election, are anticipated to be made on the date of the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (iii) The Compensation Committee set the target Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP") percentage for each of Mr. Mirzayantz and Mr. Vaisman for 2008 and thereafter to 80% of base salary. Under the AIP, Mr. Mirzayantz and Mr. Vaisman will each be eligible to receive his AIP award target based on achievement against specific performance goals.
- (iv) The Compensation Committee also set the target Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") percentage for each of Mr. Mirzayantz and Mr. Vaisman with respect to LTIP awards that each may be eligible to receive for the 2008-2010 cycle and thereafter at 80% of base salary.

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.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC.

Dated: December 13, 2007 By: /s/ DENNIS M. MEANY

Name: Dennis M. Meany

Title: Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary