

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): August 7, 2012

Emerson Electric Co.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Missouri

(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-278

(Commission
File Number)

43-0259330

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

8000 West Florissant Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

63136

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 553-2000

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:

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

(d) On August 7, 2012, the Board of Directors of Emerson Electric Co. (the “Company”) elected Matthew S. Levatich, president and chief operating officer of Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc., as a Director of the Company. He will stand for election at the Company’s 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Levatich was also appointed to serve as a member of the Compensation Committee.

Mr. Levatich will be compensated on the same basis as all other non-management Directors of the Company, as described under “Director Compensation” in the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. This includes an award of 1,240 shares of restricted stock, representing a \$62,500 pro rata award of the \$125,000 restricted stock portion of the annual retainer payable to all non-management Directors.

A copy of the August 7, 2012 press release announcing Mr. Levatich’s election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
99.1	Press release dated August 7, 2012.

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.

EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.
(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2012

By: /s/ Timothy G. Westman
Timothy G. Westman
Vice President, Associate General Counsel
and Assistant Secretary

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news release

For immediate release

Media contact:
Mark Polzin, 314.982.1758

EMERSON NAMES MATTHEW LEVATICH TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ST. LOUIS, August 7, 2012 – Matthew Levatich, president and chief operating officer of Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc., has been elected to Emerson's (NYSE:EMR) board of directors, Chairman and CEO David N. Farr announced today.

Levatich has served as president and COO of Harley-Davidson since 2009. An 18-year Harley Davidson employee, he has held a wide range of management and leadership positions at the company, and has helped strengthen it as a global brand.

"Matt has a strong background in manufacturing, excellent global marketing experience, and broad management skills that will be of great value to Emerson's shareholders," Farr said. "We look forward to his insight and counsel as we continue to grow our competitive global leadership position."

Levatich joined Harley-Davidson in 1994 through its Leadership Development Program and quickly worked his way up to several senior roles within Harley-Davidson. As the president and managing director of MV Agusta Motor S.p.A., he oversaw the integration of the company's premium Italian performance motorcycle brand. Before that, he had managed all aspects of Harley-Davidson's global parts and accessories business after successfully leading its worldwide supply chain operations. Prior to Harley-Davidson, Levatich held various supervising roles at Albany International in New York.

Levatich will serve on the Emerson Board's Compensation Committee.

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Levatich holds an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He received his ME in engineering management and MBA in marketing, finance and organizational behavior from Northwestern University. He serves on the executive advisory board of the MMM Program at the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management and Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Northwestern University and is a trustee on the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and a Regent at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE).

About Emerson

Emerson (NYSE:EMR), based in St. Louis, Missouri (USA), is a global leader in bringing technology and engineering together to provide innovative solutions for customers in industrial, commercial, and consumer markets around the world. The company is comprised of five business segments: Process Management, Industrial Automation, Network Power, Climate Technologies, and Commercial & Residential Solutions. Sales in fiscal 2011 were \$24.2 billion. For more information, visit www.Emerson.com.

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