

TRIMAS CORP  
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**UNITED STATES  
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COMMISSION  
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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **January 30, 2009**

**TRIMAS CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-10716**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-2687639**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**48304**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(248) 631-5400**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

As previously reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed by TriMas Corporation (the Company) on January 14, 2009, Grant H. Beard resigned as a member of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on January 13, 2009. In connection with his resignation as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Beard entered into a separation agreement with the Company on January 30, 2009 ( Separation Agreement ) that provides certain severance benefits, a customary release of claims and a non-competition and non-solicitation covenant, which are substantially consistent with the Company's Executive Severance / Change of Control Policy, a copy of which was filed with the Commission on November 10, 2008, and a copy of which Separation Agreement is attached hereto and filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	The Separation Agreement signed January 30, 2009 between TriMas Corporation and Grant H. Beard.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

TRIMAS CORPORATION

Date: February 5, 2009

By: /s/ Joshua A. Sherbin  
Name: Joshua A. Sherbin  
Title: Vice President, Secretary and General  
Counsel