

STEIN MART INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2011

**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**

**December 20, 2011**

**(Date of Report; Date of Earliest Event Reported)**

**STEIN MART, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1200 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207

(Address of Principal Executive Offices Including Zip Code)

(904) 346-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

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- .. 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**

(c) On December 20, 2011, Stein Mart, Inc. (the Company) announced that D. Hunt Hawkins, 52, previously the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, was promoted to Chief Operating Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Hawkins joined the Company in February 1994 as Senior Vice President, Human Resources. He was promoted to Executive Vice President of Operations in September 2006 and to Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer in October 2007. Information technology, supply chain and human resources reported to Mr. Hawkins as Chief Administrative Officer. With his new role, store operations and e-commerce will additionally report to him.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the promotion is filed with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 20, 2011.

**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.

STEIN MART, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: December 21, 2011

By: /s/ Gregory W. Kleffner  
Gregory W. Kleffner  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release dated December 20, 2011.