

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form 8-K
February 27, 2008

**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):

February 27, 2008

Lithia Motors, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-21789

(Commission File Number)

93 - 0572810

(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

360 E. Jackson Street
Medford, Oregon 97501

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number including area code 541-776-6868

Not applicable

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

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))

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

The employment of Mr. Don Jones, Jr., Senior Vice President of Retail Operations for Lithia Motors, Inc., ended effective February 27, 2008. Bryan DeBoer, President and Chief Operating Officer, will be assuming Mr. Jones role immediately and distributing some duties among other senior executives.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

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.

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: February 27, 2008

By: /s/ Kenneth E. Roberts
Kenneth E. Roberts
Assistant Secretary