UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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)

OCTOBER 19, 2004

GARTNER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 1-14443 04-3099750

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

P.O. BOX 10212
56 TOP GALLANT ROAD
STAMFORD, CT 06902-7747
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(203) 316-1111 (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 PRINCIPALS OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On October 19, 2004, David J. Roux resigned from the Board of Directors of the Company. Additionally, on October 19, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company elected Michael J. Bingle to fill Mr. Roux's term. Messrs. Roux and Bingle, as well as Glenn Hutchins, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, are managing directors of Silver Lake Partners, L.P. which owns approximately 34% of the Company's outstanding common stock. Mr. Bingle also was appointed to Mr. Roux's position on the Company's Compensation Committee. Mr. Roux cited time commitments from other Silver Lake Partners' investments as his reason for deciding to leave the Board of Directors of the Company at this time.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 25, 2004.

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.

GARTNER, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher Lafond

Christopher Lafond Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 25, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release dated as of October 25, 2004.

MICHAEL BINGLE OF SILVER LAKE PARTNERS JOINS GARTNER, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STAMFORD, Conn. October 25, 2004 - Gartner, Inc. (NYSE: IT and ITB), the world's leading technology research and advisory firm, announced today that Michael Bingle, a managing director of Silver Lake Partners and a member of its investment committee, has been elected to Gartner's board of directors.

Mr. Bingle succeeds David Roux, also a managing director of Silver Lake Partners and a Gartner board member since 2001. Mr. Roux, a co-founder of the Silver Lake Partners private equity partnership, resigned from the board, citing time commitments to other Silver Lake investment activities. Glenn H. Hutchins, another Silver Lake co-founding partner and a Gartner director since 2000, continues to serve on the 10-member Gartner board.

"Mike Bingle has been closely involved with Glenn Hutchins and me in the management of Silver Lake's investment in Gartner for several years," Mr. Roux said. "Mike knows the company, its leadership, and its business plans extremely well and will be a great addition to the Gartner board. His participation along with Glenn's underscores Silver Lake's continuing commitment to the company and its future."

Mr. Bingle's term as director will expire in 2006. He joined Silver Lake Partners in January 2000. He was previously a principal with Apollo Management, L.P., a private investment partnership, and an investment banker with Goldman, Sachs & Company.

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Statements in this press release other than recitation of historical facts are forward-looking statements (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). Such forward-looking statements include risks and uncertainties; consequently, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied thereby. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, risks listed from time to time in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. These filings can be found on Gartner's Web site at www.gartner.com/investors and the SEC's Web site at www.sec.gov. Forward-looking statements included herein speak only as of the date hereof and the Company disclaims any obligation to revise or update such statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or circumstances.

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