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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 22, 2008 HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware001-0976411-2534306(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 1010 Washington, D.C. 20004

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (202) 393-1101

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- o 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.

On February 22, 2008, the Compensation and Option Committee of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (Company) approved stock option grants under the Company s 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (Plan) to certain of the Company s officers and key employees. Other than Dr. Erich Geiger, none of the Company s named executive officers received stock options. The stock option grants were made on terms that are different than the terms of previous stock option grants by the Company. The new terms establish three-year cliff vesting with performance restrictions on how many stock options vest at the end of the three-year period. Historically, the Company s stock option grants contained time-vesting provisions with annual vesting at a rate of 20% commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

To determine the number of stock options that will vest, the Company s total shareholder return (Company TSR) will be compared to the total shareholder return of a peer group (Peer TSR) over a three-year period beginning on the date of grant (the Performance Period). The stock options will be cancelled if the Company TSR over the Performance Period is negative, or if the Company TSR is below the 50th percentile of the Peer TSR. If the Company TSR ranks at the 50th percentile of the Peer TSR, 33% of the stock options will vest. If the Company TSR ranks at or above the 75th percentile of the Peer TSR, 100% of the stock options will vest. If the Company TSR ranks between the 50th percentile and the 75th percentile of the Peer TSR, the number of stock options that vest will be determined by straight-line interpolation between 33% and 100%.

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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.

HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Edwin C. Summers
Edwin C. Summers
Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

Date: February 28, 2008