

3COM CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2009

**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):**

**January 23, 2009**

**3COM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-12867**

(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2605794**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**350 Campus Drive**

**Marlborough, Massachusetts**

**01752**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 323-1000**

(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 (*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.**

*Executive Officer Bonus Criteria for the Second Half of Fiscal Year 2009.* On January 23, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of 3Com Corporation approved the following methodology to determine executive officer cash bonuses for the second half of fiscal 2009:

The Committee set the following financial goals, each of which can be met individually and independent of attainment of other metrics (*the weighting of each metric based on a 100% target bonus opportunity is in parens*):

*For Messrs. Robert Y. L. Mao, Ronald Sege, Jay Zager, Neal D. Goldman and Dr. Shusheng Zheng:*  
specified financial goals for:

consolidated revenue (50%)

consolidated non-GAAP operating profit (25%) and

consolidated cash from operations (25%).

For each financial metric, the bonus potential ranges from 50%-200% of the target amounts previously disclosed for each executive, based on the degree of attainment of the specified financial metrics. For each metric described above, the Committee set goals for bonus at three levels:

threshold (the achievement of which will result in a bonus opportunity amount of 50% of target bonus amounts);

target (the achievement of which will result in a bonus opportunity amount of 100% of target bonus amounts); and

maximum (the achievement of which will result in a bonus opportunity amount of 200% of target bonus amounts).

In addition, the actual bonus opportunity amount will be based on a sliding scale for achievement attained in between specified levels, although for any single metric no amount will count towards the bonus opportunity unless, at a minimum, the threshold achievement level is attained for that metric.

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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.

3COM CORPORATION

Date: January 27, 2009

By: /s/ Neal D. Goldman  
Neal D. Goldman  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Administrative and Legal Officer