

CNA FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2014

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) December 19, 2014

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-5823  
(Commission  
File Number)

36-6169860  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

333 S. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois  
(Address of principal executive offices)

60604  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 822-5000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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.

(b) On December 19, 2014, Robert A. Lindemann announced his retirement as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Commercial Lines of Registrant, effective December 31, 2014. As of the date of this report, no new compensatory or severance arrangements have been entered into with Mr. Lindemann. On December 19, 2014, Registrant announced that effective January 1, 2015, pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Lindemann, David Rutkowski, Senior Vice President, Commercial Underwriting, would assume certain of Mr. Lindemann's responsibilities, including day-to-day operational duties, reporting to Thomas Motamed, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Registrant.

The full text of Registrant's press release announcing the matter described herein is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits:

See Exhibit Index.

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.

CNA Financial Corporation  
(Registrant)

Date: December 19, 2014

By /s/ D. Craig Mense  
(Signature)  
D. Craig Mense  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued December 19, 2014, announcing retirement of Robert A. Lindemann as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Commercial Lines of Registrant, effective December 31, 2014.