

**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) **November 2, 2009**

MGP Ingredients, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-17196
(Commission
File Number)

48-0531200
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**100 Commercial Street
Box 130
Atchison, Kansas 66002**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 367-1480
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

On November 2, 2009, the Board of Directors of MGP Ingredients, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Don Tracy as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). The appointment as Chief Financial Officer is effective November 6. Mr. Tracy will succeed interim CFO David Harbert, a partner of Tatum, LLC, an Atlanta-based executive services firm, who had filled the role since April 2009.

Mr. Tracy, age 52, has a business career that spans over 30 years, more than half of which has been spent in senior level financial and executive management positions. For the past nearly three years, he has served as CFO at Emery Oleochemicals, a global chemical manufacturer, and was based at their U.S. headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Tracy served as CFO at Briggs Industries, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of kitchen and bath fixtures, at the company's U.S. headquarters in Charleston, S.C. Before that, he spent four years with the Tenaris Corp., a global producer of steel tubes, where he began as director of financial projects and subsequently was promoted to CFO of Tenaris, North America.

Mr. Tracy's previous experience included serving as senior vice president of the process improvement group of National City Corporation, Cleveland, from 1999 to 2001; senior manager of the strategic services unit at A.T. Kearney, Inc. in 1998; senior manager of performance improvement management consulting for Ernst & Young Consulting, for three years; and various positions with the Procter & Gamble Company from 1983 to 1993. These included assignments as department manager of finance and investments in Procter & Gamble's treasury division, and periods as CFO of Procter & Gamble Peru, controller of Procter & Gamble Commercial Company, and a participant in the company's management development program. From 1979 to 1981, he served as an auditor with Deloitte & Touche.

Mr. Tracy will receive annual base compensation of \$200,000. In addition, the Company agreed to pay him a sign up bonus of \$15,000 and will reimburse certain relocation expenses.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference, is the Company's press release issued November 3, 2009, relating to the appointment of Mr. Tracy as the Company's CFO.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated November 3, 2009 relating to the appointment of a new chief financial officer, furnished solely for the purpose of incorporation by reference into Items 7.01 and 9.01

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.

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

Date: November 3, 2009

By: /s/ Timothy W. Newkirk
Timothy W. Newkirk
President and Chief Executive Officer



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For Immediate Release

DON TRACY APPOINTED CFO AT MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

ATCHISON, Kan., November 3, 2009—Tim Newkirk, president and chief executive officer of MGP Ingredients, Inc. (Nasdaq/MGPI) has announced the appointment of Don Tracy to the position of vice president of finance and chief financial officer effective Friday, Nov. 6. Tracy's business career spans over 30 years, more than half of which has been spent in senior level financial and executive management positions. For the past nearly three years, he served as chief financial officer at Emery Oleochemicals, a global chemical manufacturer, and was based in Cincinnati.

In joining MGPI, Tracy succeeds Robert Zonneveld, who left the company to pursue other opportunities last April. Since that time, the role has been filled on an interim basis by David Harbert, a partner of Tatum, LLC, an Atlanta-based executive services firm.

"We are very pleased and excited to welcome Don to our company," Newkirk said. "He brings a wealth of experience to his position here and will perform an essential role in not only overseeing our financial and accounting functions, but also in the development and execution of our corporate growth strategies. Our company is fortunate to have someone of his caliber and expertise step into this very important role as we move forward driven by our commitment to consistently create value for all of our stakeholders, including customers, stockholders, employees and our community neighbors."

Newkirk also commended Harbert for "the outstanding service he has provided to MGPI during these past several months." He called Harbert the "quintessential professional, who played a key role in helping us obtain a new line of credit while also contributing to the successful execution of many of our recent business transformation actions." He added: "David came to us at a very crucial time during our transformation process. The guidance and assistance he provided were more than exemplary, and we will be forever grateful to him and his firm for the high level and extraordinary quality of work that he performed as interim CFO."

Harbert will continue to assist at MGPI over the next two weeks as Tracy transitions to his new role at the Company. "I am very elated to be joining MGP Ingredients at this important and exciting time in the company's history," Tracy said. "The company's recent transformation with a concentrated focus on providing value-added product solutions is a real success story. It is with a great sense of gratitude and fortune that I have the opportunity to help build on this success and work with such an outstanding management team."

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ADD 1—DON TRACY

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Tracy earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 1979 at the University of Detroit, where he was the recipient of the *Wall Street Journal* award as the top graduating business school student. He received a master's degree in business administration with dual specializations in business economics and finance from the University of Chicago in 1983.

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