# 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 3, 2020 (January 31, 2020)



(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 000-23486 (Commission File Number) 62-1096725 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6210 Ardrey Kell Road Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

28277 (Zip Code)

(980) 264-4300 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Trading Symbol Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 NNBR The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

| Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously | sly satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following |
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| provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):                               |  |

- $\square$  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- $\square$  Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- □ 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company.  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. 

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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 January 31, 2020, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of NN, Inc. (the "Company") increased the size of the Board from eight to nine directors and appointed Raynard D. Benvenuti to fill the newly created directorship, effective immediately. Mr. Benvenuti will serve as a director until the 2020 annual meeting of stockholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation, disqualification or removal. In addition, Mr. Benvenuti has been appointed to serve as a member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee of the Board.

Mr. Benvenuti, age 63, founded Concord Investment Partners, a boutique investment and advisory firm that invests in engineering-centric industries including aerospace, automotive and industrial manufacturing/distribution companies in 1996, and continues to serve as its Managing Director. From 2007 to 2015, Mr. Benvenuti served as a Managing Partner, Managing Director, and an operational practice leader for the aerospace and automotive/truck sectors at Greenbriar Equity Group, L.P. ("Greenbriar"), a private equity group focused on transportation-related enterprises. While at Greenbriar, Mr. Benvenuti served as a director on five boards, three as Chairman, including as Chairman and interim CEO of Align Aerospace, LLC, an aerospace hardware distribution company. From 2002 until its sale to GKN plc in 2006, Mr. Benvenuti served as the President and CEO of Stellex Aerostructures, Inc., a manufacturer of large structural components for commercial and military aircraft. Prior to 2002, Ray worked at Forstmann Little & Co., a private equity firm, and McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm, where he advised high technology and industrial sector clients in the areas of strategic planning and operational improvement.

Mr. Benvenuti brings to the Board extensive experience as a senior executive, director and advisor to various aerospace, automotive and manufacturing companies, including in turnaround and highly leveraged situations. These experiences enable him to provide valuable strategic, financial, operational and corporate governance insights to the Board.

Mr. Benvenuti will be compensated on the same basis as all other non-management directors of the Company. Mr. Benvenuti will enter into an indemnification agreement with the Company, in the form previously entered into by the Company with its current directors, a copy of which was listed as <a href="Exhibit 10.3"><u>Exhibit 10.3</u></a> to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Benvenuti and any other person pursuant to which he was appointed as a director of the Company. There are no family relationships between Mr. Benvenuti and any director, executive officer, or any person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or executive officer. There are no related person transactions (within the meaning of Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission) between Mr. Benvenuti and the Company.

On January 31, 2020, David L. Pugh informed the Board that he will retire from, and resign as a member of, the Board effective as of the date of the 2020 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company. Upon Mr. Pugh's retirement, Company will reduce the size of the Board from nine to eight directors. Having served as a director of the Company since 2012, Mr. Pugh elected to step down from the Board voluntarily for personal reasons. Accordingly, Mr. Pugh's decision to retire was not the result of any disagreement with management, the Company or its operations, policies or practices.

#### ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On February 3, 2020, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Benvenuti's appointment to the Board and Mr. Pugh's retirement from the Board. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information, including the press release, furnished under this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any other filing by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

#### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued by NN, Inc. dated February 3, 2020

#### **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.

Date: February 3, 2020

### NN, INC.

By: /s/ Matthew S. Heiter

Name: Matthew S. Heiter

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel





FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** February 3, 2020

#### NN, Inc. Appoints Ray Benvenuti to its Board of Directors

Director David L. Pugh to Retire

**CHARLOTTE, N.C., February 3, 2020** — NN, Inc. (NASDAQ: NNBR), a diversified industrial company, today announced that its board of directors has voted to expand the board by appointing Ray Benvenuti, Founder and Managing Director of Concord Investment Partners, as an independent director of the Company. It is the board's intention to nominate Mr. Benvenuti, along with the other independent directors added in 2019, to stand for election at the Company's annual meeting, to be held in May 2020.

Mr. Benvenuti brings to the board extensive experience as a senior executive, director and advisor to various aerospace, automotive and manufacturing companies, including in turnaround and highly leveraged situations, as well as valuable strategic, financial, operational and corporate governance expertise.

NN also announced that David L. Pugh will retire from its board of directors, effective at the time of NN's annual meeting. Mr. Pugh has served as a director since 2012. Upon Mr. Pugh's retirement, NN will reduce the size of its board of directors from nine to eight.

Robert Brunner, Non-Executive Chairman of the Board, said, "We are excited to welcome Ray to NN's board. We expect his expertise in aerospace, automotive, restructuring and operations will be enormously valuable as we complete our review of strategic alternatives and continue to execute on our strategic plan."

Warren Veltman, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, commented, "I look forward to working closely with Ray and benefitting from his broad experience as we continue to build on our efforts to enhance performance, execute on our cost savings initiatives and improve free cash flow generation while continuing to de-lever."

Mr. Benvenuti said, "I am excited to leverage my experience to help NN's board and management advance NN's strategic growth plan and position the Company for long-term success as it completes its review of strategic alternatives."

Mr. Pugh commented, "I am privileged to have served on NN's board for the past eight years as the company transformed from a ball and roller company into a more diversified industrial business."

Mr. Brunner continued, "Since joining the NN board eight years ago, Dave has provided valuable insights and perspectives as we helped guide the company through a significant transformation. By having Dave as a member of the Audit and Governance Committees, the Company greatly benefitted from his deep knowledge of aerospace and defense, executive leadership experience, and specialized global operational expertise. We thank Dave for his contributions to NN and wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

#### **About Ray Benvenuti**

Raynard D. Benvenuti founded Concord Investment Partners, a boutique investment and advisory firm that invests in engineering-centric industries including aerospace, automotive and industrial manufacturing/distribution companies in 1996, and continues to serve as its Managing Director. From 2007 to 2015, Mr. Benvenuti served as a Managing Partner, Managing Director, and an operational practice leader for the aerospace and automotive/truck sectors at Greenbriar Equity Group, L.P. ("Greenbriar"), a private equity group focused on transportation-related enterprises. While at Greenbriar, Mr. Benvenuti served as a director on five boards, three as Chairman, including as Chairman and interim CEO of Align Aerospace, LLC, an aerospace hardware distribution company. From 2002 until its sale to GKN plc in 2006, Mr. Benvenuti served as the President and CEO of Stellex Aerostructures, Inc., a manufacturer of large structural components for commercial and military aircraft. Prior to 2002, Ray worked at Forstmann Little & Co., a private equity firm, and McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm, where he advised high technology and industrial sector clients in the areas of strategic planning and operational improvement.

#### About NN, Inc.

NN, Inc., a diversified industrial company, combines advanced engineering and production capabilities with in-depth materials science expertise to design and manufacture high-precision components and assemblies for a variety of markets on a global basis. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, NN has 50 facilities in North America, Europe, South America and China.

Except for specific historical information, many of the matters discussed in this press release may express or imply projections of revenues or expenditures, statements of plans and objectives or future operations or statements of future economic performance. These, and similar statements, are forward-looking statements concerning matters that involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual performance of NN, Inc. and its subsidiaries to differ materially from those expressed or implied by this discussion. All forward-looking information is provided by the Company pursuant to the safe harbor established under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and should be evaluated in the context of these factors. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "assumptions", "target", "guidance", "outlook", "plans", "projection", "may", "will", "would", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "potential" or "continue" (or the negative or other derivatives of each of these terms) or similar terminology. Factors which could materially affect actual results include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions and economic conditions in the industrial sector, inventory levels, regulatory compliance costs and the Company's ability to manage these costs, start-up costs for new operations, debt reduction, competitive influences, risks that current customers will commence or increase captive production, risks of capacity underutilization, quality issues, availability and price of raw materials, currency and other risks associated with international trade, the level of the Company's indebtedness, the restrictions contained in the Company's debt agreements, the Company's ability to obtain financing at favorable rates, if at all, and to refinance existing debt as it matures, the Company's dependence on certain major customers, and the successful implementation of the global growth plan including development of new products. Similarly, statements made herein and elsewhere regarding pending and completed transactions are also forward-looking statements, including statements relating to the future performance and prospects of an acquired business, the expected benefits of an acquisition on the Company's future business and operations and the ability of the Company to successfully integrate recently acquired businesses or the possibility that the Company will be unable to execute on the intended redeployment of proceeds from a divestiture, whether due to a lack of favorable investment opportunities or otherwise.

For additional information concerning such risk factors and cautionary statements, please see the section titled "Risk Factors" in the Company's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended September 30, 2019. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements we make in our press releases, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.