

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 12, 2011

**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): 5/9/2011

Commission File Number

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. 001-34581

**Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

**20-0411521**  
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)  
**15710 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 300**

**Identification No.)**

**Houston, TX 77032**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**281-504-4700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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**

Effective May 9, 2011, the employment with the company of Louis A. Vitale, Corporate Controller and the principal accounting officer of Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc., ceased.

Effective May 9, 2011, the board of directors appointed Stephen E. Tremblay, the company's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to serve as the Company's principal accounting officer on an interim basis until a successor can be identified and appointed to the principal accounting officer position. Mr. Tremblay, age 52, was appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in January 2008. From 1997 to 2007, Mr. Tremblay held various financial positions, including Chief Financial Officer at Vertis, Inc., a provider of print advertising and media technology. Mr. Tremblay also held senior finance positions at Wellman, Inc., a provider of polyester fiber and resins, from 1990 to 1997 and was a member of the accounting and auditing practice at Ernst & Young, from 1983 to 1990. Mr. Tremblay earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Bryant University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**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.

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.

Date: May 12, 2011

By: /s/ Stephen E. Tremblay  
Stephen E. Tremblay  
Chief Financial Officer