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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

April 8, 2013 (**April 8, 2013**)
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

0-16211
(Commission File Number)

DENTSPLY International Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

39-1434669
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

221 West Philadelphia Street,
York, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices)

17405-0872
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(717) 845-7511**

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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

(b) On April 5, 2013, DENTSPLY International Inc. (the "Company") accepted the resignation of William R. Jellison from his position of Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective immediately, to pursue other interests.

(c) Effective April 8, 2013, Christopher T. Clark has been named to the position of Chief Financial Officer, retaining his position as President of the Company; and James G. Mosch has been named to the position of Chief Operating Officer, retaining his position as Executive Vice President.

Mr. Clark, 51, joined the Company in September 1992, and has served as Chief Operating Officer since January 2007 and President since January 2009. Previously, Mr. Clark served as Executive Vice President (2007 and 2008), Senior Vice President (2003-2005), Vice President and General Manager of the Company's global imaging business (1999-2002), Vice President and General Manager of the Prosthetics Division (1996-1999), and Director of Marketing of the Company's Prosthetics Division (1992-1996). Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Clark held various brand management positions with Procter & Gamble.

Mr. Mosch, 55, joined the Company in July 1994, and has served as Executive Vice President since January 2009. Previously, Mr. Mosch served as Senior Vice President (2003-2009) and Vice President and General Manager of the Company's Professional division (1994-2003). Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Mosch served in general management and marketing positions with Baxter International and American Hospital Supply Corporation.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Jellison's resignation and Mr. Clark's and Mr. Mosch's appointments is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated April 8, 2013.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DENTSPLY International Inc.

By: /s/Deborah M. Rasin

Deborah M. Rasin

Vice President, Secretary & General Counsel

Date: April 8, 2013



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For Immediate Release

DENTSPLY International Announces Executive Management Changes

York, PA – April 8, 2013 – DENTSPLY International Inc. (NASDAQ: XRAY) today announced a realignment of executive management responsibilities designed to drive the Company's strategic integration and alignment of global operations.

Chris Clark, DENTSPLY's former President and Chief Operating Officer will assume the role of President and Chief Financial Officer. His primary responsibilities will include strategy and business development activities, all finance functions, as well as DENTSPLY's corporate functions for clinical affairs, information technology, manufacturing, human resources, and research and development. Mr. Clark joined DENTSPLY in 1993 and has successfully served in leadership roles of increasing responsibility within numerous divisions, operating groups and, for the past six years, as President and Chief Operating Officer.

Jim Mosch, currently Executive Vice President, will be promoted to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer with responsibility for all of DENTSPLY's operating units. Mr. Mosch has extensive operating experience including 19 years with DENTSPLY in roles of increasing management responsibility as a general manager, operating vice president, and most recently as Executive Vice President. Mr. Mosch has also led the Company's business development activities for the past six years, and more recently managed the Company's acquisition and integration of Astra Tech, the largest transaction in the Company's 114 year history.

In addition to the above appointments, the Company also announced that William Jellison has resigned as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to pursue another business interest. Prior to his full departure, Mr. Jellison will be available to the Company for transitional purposes.

Bret Wise, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, commented that, "These changes to DENTSPLY's management structure will enhance our ability to compete more effectively in today's global dental market by providing for stronger alignment and integration across our functional and operational units. I would like to thank Bill Jellison for his many contributions to

DENTSPLY and congratulate Chris Clark and Jim Mosch in their new roles. Moving forward, our leadership team will work closely together to ensure that DENTSPLY continues to lead the global dental industry in innovation and customer service and to grow shareholder value."

DENTSPLY International Inc. is a leading manufacturer and distributor of dental and other healthcare products. The Company believes it is the world's largest manufacturer of professional dental products. For over 110 years, DENTSPLY's commitment to innovation and professional collaboration has enhanced its portfolio of branded consumables and small equipment. Headquartered in the United States, the Company has global operations with sales in more than 120 countries. Visit www.dentsply.com for more information about DENTSPLY and its products.

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