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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 4, 2016

**Colfax Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
Of incorporation)

**001-34045**

(Commission  
File Number)

**54-1887631**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**420 National Business Parkway  
Annapolis Junction, MD**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**20701**

(Zip Code)

**(301) 323-9000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code.)

(Former name and 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):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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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 4, 2016, the Compensation Committee (the “Compensation Committee”) of the Board of Directors of Colfax Corporation (the “Company”) approved certain long-term equity grants to the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Matthew L. Trerotola.

In recognition of the significantly more challenging operating conditions since he was named President and Chief Executive Officer in July of 2015, the Compensation Committee approved a grant to Mr. Trerotola with an aggregate grant date fair value of \$9,000,000, consisting of 559,563 stock options with a grant date fair value of \$6,000,000 and 128,755 performance-based restricted stock units with a grant date fair value of \$3,000,000. Subject to Mr. Trerotola’s continued employment through the applicable vesting date, the stock options will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 4, 2019 and the performance-based restricted stock units, if earned, will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 4, 2019. The stock options expire seven years from the grant date. The equity awards were granted pursuant to the Colfax Corporation 2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Omnibus Plan”), as amended and restated, and, except as otherwise provided for in Mr. Trerotola’s employment agreement and in the grants made in connection therewith, are subject to the standard form of award agreements currently used under the Omnibus Plan in connection with grants to Company executives.

These equity grants are intended to provide an additional incentive to Mr. Trerotola and help to further align his interests with the Company’s stockholders.

## 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: January 6, 2016

**COLFAX CORPORATION**

By:

/s/ C. Scott Brannan

Name: C. Scott Brannan

Title: SVP, Finance and Chief Financial Officer