### 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 25, 2008

# CONMED CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 0-16093 (Commission File Number)

<u>16-0977505</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

525 French Road Utica, New York 13502 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(315) 797-8375 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations 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)) |

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 25, 2008, Mr. William D. Matthews submitted his resignation as a Director of the Board of Directors of the Company, effective the end of his current term, which expires at the next annual meeting of shareholders. His resignation as a Director also includes his resignation as a member of the Audit Committee and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, and also as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee on which he served. Mr. Matthews resigned to pursue other interests. There were no disagreements between the Company and Mr. Matthews that led to his resignation.

### Signature

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CONMED CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: Robert D. Shallish, Jr.
Vice President – Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 25, 2008