

**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): January 4, 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)

16-0977505
(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))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On January 4, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing the resignation of Gerald Woodard, President of CONMED Linvatec, to become CEO of SRI Surgical. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99. The resignation will be effective January 30, 2008.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits
Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are included herewith:

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99. Press Release issued by Registrant on January 4, 2008

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: January 4, 2008



NEWS RELEASE

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For Release: 4:30 PM Eastern – January 4, 2008

CONMED Announces Resignation of Company's CONMED Linvatec Subsidiary President

***Joseph J. Corasanti, CEO and President of CONMED, to Assume Interim
 Leadership Role at Company's Orthopedic Unit***

Utica, New York, January 4, 2008 ----- CONMED Corporation (Nasdaq: CNMD) announced today that Mr. Gerald G. Woodard, President of the Company's CONMED Linvatec subsidiary has resigned, effective January 30, 2008, to become CEO of SRI Surgical, a publicly traded company that provides central processing and supply chain management services to hospitals and surgery centers. CONMED has begun a search for his successor. In the interim, Mr. Joseph J. Corasanti, CEO and President of CONMED, will lead the management team of CONMED Linvatec, based in Largo, Florida.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Gerald and all of us within the CONMED organization wish him success in his future endeavors. Over the past seven years, Gerald has supervised the Company's orthopedic product offering and developed an organization built on customer service. We are confident that this change will have no material affect on our business, and I look forward to working closely with our orthopedic team while we search for the most appropriate candidate," noted Mr. Corasanti.

CONMED Profile

CONMED is a medical technology company with an emphasis on surgical devices and equipment for minimally invasive procedures and patient monitoring. The Company's products serve the clinical areas of sports medicine-arthroscopy, powered surgical instruments, electrosurgery, cardiac monitoring disposables, endosurgery and endoscopic technologies. Surgeons and physicians in a variety of specialties including orthopedics, general surgery, gynecology, neurosurgery, and gastroenterology use the Company's medical devices. Headquartered in Utica, New York, the Company's 3,200 employees distribute its products worldwide from several manufacturing locations.

Forward Looking Information

This press release contains forward-looking statements based on certain assumptions and contingencies that involve risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and relate to the Company's performance on a going-forward basis. The forward-looking statements in this press release involve risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results, performance or trends, to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements herein or in previous disclosures. The Company believes that all forward-looking statements made by it have a reasonable basis, but there can be no assurance that management's expectations, beliefs or projections as expressed in the forward-looking statements will actually occur or prove to be correct.

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