

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/

Form 8-K

March 12, 2009

**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)**

**March 12, 2009**

**Northrop Grumman Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**

**(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**1-16411**

**(Commission  
File Number)**

**95-4840775**

**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**1840 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067**

**(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)**

**(310) 553-6262**

**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))
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**ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 12, 2009, Ronald D. Sugar, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Northrop Grumman Corporation (the Company ) adopted a pre-arranged stock trading plan to sell shares of the Company s stock upon exercise of stock options. The trading plan was adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Company s policies and procedures governing stock transactions by directors, executive officers and other employees.

**Plan Details** Dr. Sugar reported to the Company that the option exercises and stock sales to be effected pursuant to the trading plan are intended to facilitate the exercise of aging or expiring options.

As the trading plan transactions will involve only shares issuable upon exercise of options, they will not affect Dr. Sugar s compliance with the Company s stock ownership guidelines. Details regarding the Company s stock ownership guidelines are described in its Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 21, 2008.

Transactions made under Dr. Sugar s trading plan will be reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with applicable securities laws, rules and regulations.

**Signature(s)**

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.

Northrop Grumman Corporation  
(Registrant)

Date: March 12, 2009

By: /s/ Joseph F. Coyne, Jr.  
(Signature)  
Joseph F. Coyne, Jr.  
Corporate Vice President, Deputy  
General  
Counsel and Secretary