

BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.
Form 8-K
January 27, 2012

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

January 25, 2012

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-13906
(Commission
File No.)

47-0587703
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

4350 McKinley Street
Omaha, Nebraska
(Address of principal executive offices)

68112
(Zip Code)

(402) 453-4444

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 25, 2012, Kevin S. Herrmann notified the Company that he would resign as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company. The resignation will be effective as of April 2, 2012.

Also on January 25, 2012, Mr. Herrmann and the Company entered into a retention agreement providing for Mr. Herrmann's continued employment through April 2, 2012. Mr. Herrmann will receive his present salary through his final date of employment. He will also receive a one-time retention payment of approximately \$105,000.00, and the cash value of accrued vacation days of approximately \$20,000, both of which are payable after the retention period is concluded. The agreement also contains a customary release of claims.

SIGNATURE

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

BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.

Date: January 27, 2012

By:

/s/ Mary A. Carstens
Mary A. Carstens
Chief Financial Officer