

Accenture plc  
Form 8-K  
September 13, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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): September 10, 2010

**Accenture plc**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ireland**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-34448**  
(Commission

File Number)

**98-0627530**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**1 Grand Canal Square,**

**Grand Canal Harbour,**

**Dublin 2, Ireland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (353) (1) 646-2000**

**Not Applicable**

(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))

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

(d) Appointment of New Directors

On September 10, 2010, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Accenture plc (the Company) appointed Dennis F. Hightower to join the Board as a new director, upon the recommendation of its Nominating & Governance Committee. Mr. Hightower will serve until the Company's annual general meeting of shareholders in February 2011, when he will be subject to re-appointment by a vote of the Company's shareholders. Mr. Hightower, who first joined the board of directors of the Company's predecessor, Accenture Ltd, in 2003, stepped down from that board effective August 9, 2009 to accept his appointment as U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Hightower served as U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce from August 2009 until August 2010. Prior thereto, Mr. Hightower was a retired business executive with distinguished careers in both the private and public sectors, including more than 35 years of experience in global marketing, strategic planning, operations and international general management. He had most recently served as CEO of Europe Online Networks S.A., a privately held broadband interactive entertainment company based in Luxembourg.

Mr. Hightower joins the Board as a Class I director, and has been appointed to serve on the Board's Compensation and Nominating & Governance committees. He will receive the pro rata portion of the standard compensation for service on the Board (currently \$80,000 per annum) and its various committees (currently \$2,500 per annum for each of the Compensation and Nominating & Governance committees), based on the number of days remaining in the current director compensation year. Given his prior service as a director of Accenture Ltd, Mr. Hightower will not receive the standard equity grant customarily made by the Company to directors newly appointed to the Board. Mr. Hightower may elect to receive his compensation in cash or equity.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Accenture plc, dated September 13, 2010

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 13, 2010

ACCENTURE PLC

By: /s/ Julie Spellman Sweet  
Name: Julie Spellman Sweet  
Title: General Counsel, Secretary &  
Chief Compliance Officer