

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

October 29, 1998  
(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

VALHI, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-5467 (Commission File Number)	87-011015 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, TX (Address of principal executive offices)	75240-2697 (Zip Code)
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(972) 233-1700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 5: Other Events

On October 29, 1998, the registrant, Valhi, Inc., issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7: Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit

Item No.	Exhibit Index
99.1	Press release dated October 29, 1998 issued by Valhi, Inc.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

VALHI, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Steven L. Watson

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Steven L. Watson  
President

Date: October 29, 1998

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VALHI, INC.  
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75240-2697  
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FOR CONFIRMATION:

ANDREW LOUIS  
SECRETARY  
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VALHI ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR AND OFFICER CHANGE

Dallas, Texas...October 29, 1998...Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) announced today that Steven L. Watson has been elected as a director and president of Valhi, Inc. Mr. Watson, age 47, has served in various positions with Valhi and related companies since 1980. Mr. Watson will report to Harold C. Simmons, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Valhi.

Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide pigments, component products (ergonomic computer support systems, precision ball bearing slides and locking systems), titanium metals products and waste management industries.

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