

WESTERN DIGITAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2008

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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 20, 2008

Western Digital Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-08703

33-0956711

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

20511 Lake Forest Drive, Lake Forest,  
California

92630

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(949) 672-7000

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))



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**Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.**

On March 20, 2008, Western Digital Corporation (the "Company") announced that the majority of its media and substrate supply obligations to external customers related to its acquisition of Komag in September 2007 will be fulfilled by May 2008, as planned, and that consequently the Company will streamline its media and substrate operations to serve only its own hard drive business. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

As part of the realignment of media manufacturing resources, the Company will focus its Penang, Malaysia facilities solely on the production of magnetic media, while substrate plating and polishing operations, currently in Penang, will be consolidated into the Company's two other Malaysian substrate facilities in Kuching and Johor Bahru, maximizing operational efficiencies. Additionally, some positions in the Company's San Jose, California, development and media operations facility will be affected with the cessation of external business. As a result of these actions, the Company will reduce its labor force by approximately 800 employees, approximately 770 in Malaysia and approximately 30 in the United States, representing less than 2 percent of the Company's total worldwide employee population of approximately 42,500.

The total cost of these actions is currently estimated to be approximately \$16 million, consisting of termination benefits of \$8 million and asset impairment charges of \$8 million. Of these amounts, approximately \$8 million will result in future cash expenditures. The portion of these costs, if any, that will be charged against the Company's third quarter operating results and the portion, if any, that will be reflected as an adjustment to the Komag acquisition purchase price allocation is still being determined and will be separately disclosed during the Company's third quarter earnings release conference call in April 2008. To the extent the costs meet the criteria of Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 95-3, Recognition of Liabilities in Connection with a Purchase Business Combination, the costs will not impact earnings.

**Item 2.06 Material Impairments.**

The information contained in Item 2.05 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Press Release issued by Western Digital Corporation on March 20, 2008.

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**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.

Western Digital Corporation

*March 20, 2008*

By: *Raymond M. Bukaty*

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*Name: Raymond M. Bukaty*

*Title: Senior Vice President, Administration, General  
Counsel and Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued by Western Digital Corporation on March 20, 2008