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): November 27, 2018

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-32737 (Commission File Number) 20-1878963 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

436 Seventh Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

15219 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 227-2001

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Not \ Applicable \\ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) \end{tabular}$

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter)
Emerging growth company \square
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Stephen C. Reeder, Senior Vice President, Performance Chemicals, of Koppers Inc. (the "Company"), has elected to retire from the Company. Mr. Reeder will be retiring effective December 31, 2018.

On November 27, 2018, the Company issued a press release reporting Mr. Reeder's retirement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 <u>Press Release dated November 27, 2018</u>

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.

Dated: November 27, 2018

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Steven R. Lacy

Steven R. Lacy

Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and

Secretary

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Koppers Announces Retirement of Stephen C. Reeder, Senior Vice President, Performance Chemicals

Douglas J. Fenwick, Vice President, Performance Chemicals Named as Successor

PITTSBURGH, November 27, 2018 – Koppers Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP), today announced that Stephen C. Reeder, Senior Vice President, Performance Chemicals (PC), has elected to retire, effective December 31, 2018. As of January 1, 2019, the PC segment will be led by Douglas J. Fenwick, Vice President, Performance Chemicals. Mr. Fenwick has also been a member of the executive team for the past several years.

Mr. Reeder began his career in the wood-treating industry more than forty years ago and joined Osmose in 1985, which subsequently became part of Koppers in 2014. Prior to assuming his current executive role with full global responsibility for the PC business in January 2016, he held various roles of increasing responsibility in sales, customer service, and engineering.

Commenting on Mr. Reeder's career, President and CEO Leroy M. Ball said, "Speaking on behalf of all Koppers employees, we cannot thank Steve enough for his significant contributions and dedication to our company, and we wish him the best of health and happiness in retirement. Steve's legacy as a customer-focused leader was valued by many and was a key driver to the PC operating segment reaching new highs in profitability under his leadership."

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About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an integrated global provider of treated wood products, wood treatment chemicals and carbon compounds. Our products and services are used in a variety of niche applications in a diverse range of end-markets, including the railroad, specialty chemical, utility, residential lumber, agriculture, aluminum, steel, rubber, and construction industries. Including our joint ventures, we serve our customers through a comprehensive global manufacturing and distribution network, with facilities located in North America, South America, Australasia, China and Europe. The stock of Koppers Holdings Inc. is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "KOP." For more information, visit us on the Web: www.koppers.com. Questions concerning investor relations should be directed to Michael J. Zugay at 412 227 2231 or Quynh McGuire at 412 227 2049.