# SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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#### 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):

August 6, 2014

McCormick & Company, Incorporated (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-14920 52-0408290 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

18 Loveton Circle Sparks, Maryland (Address of principal executive offices)

21152

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 771-7301

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):

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b).
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c).

## <u>Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Certain Officers.</u>

On August 6, 2014, W. Geoffrey Carpenter, Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary of McCormick & Company Incorporated (the "Company"), notified the Company of his intention to retire from the Company, effective January 1, 2015. Mr. Carpenter will continue to serve in his current role until December 2014, at which time it is expected he will begin a transition role to assist his successor until his retirement.

Furnished with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release labeled "McCormick Announces Geoff Carpenter's Plan to Retire."

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The exhibit to this report is listed in the Exhibit Index that follows the signature line.

### **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.

Date: August 12, 2014	By:	
	•	W. Geoffrey Carpenter
		Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## McCormick Announces Geoff Carpenter's Plan to Retire

SPARKS, Md., August 12, 2014 – McCormick & Company (NYSE:MKC) a global leader in flavor, today announced that W. Geoffrey Carpenter, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary will retire effective January 1, 2015. Mr. Carpenter has been with McCormick for over 30 years where he served as an Executive Officer since his appointment to his current position in 2008.

Mr. Carpenter joined the legal department at McCormick in May 1984 and was promoted to Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary in 1996. He is an Emeritus member of the Multiple Management Board and a graduate of Duke University (1975), The University of Virginia School of Law (1978) and Johns Hopkins University's MBA program (2000).

"Geoff is a strong leader for the organization and has been a key advisor to me. He has built a solid Legal function during his six years as General Counsel. I thank him for his dedication to the Company and his many contributions, and wish him well in his retirement." said Alan D. Wilson, Chairman, President & CEO.

## **About McCormick**

McCormick & Company, Incorporated is a global leader in flavor with more than \$4 billion in annual sales. McCormick manufactures, markets and distributes spices, seasoning mixes, condiments and other flavorful products to the entire food industry – retail outlets, food manufacturers and foodservice

businesses – in more than 125 countries and territories. Since Willoughby M. McCormick founded the company selling root beer extract in 1889, McCormick has demonstrated a strong commitment to the communities in which it operates and the planet as a whole. Innovation in flavor and a clear focus on employee engagement and product quality has allowed McCormick to grow its business globally and become the flavor leader it is today. For more information, visit www.mccormickcorporation.com

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