

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)
February 16, 2021

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

1-16411
(Commission File Number)

80-0640649
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

2980 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(703) 280-2900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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:

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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	NOC	New York Stock Exchange

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

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.

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

On February 16, 2021, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors of Northrop Grumman Corporation (the "Company") approved the following compensation-related actions for the Company's named executive officers.

- Approved the 2021 goals under the Incentive Compensation Plan (the "ICP"). The financial metrics selected for inclusion in the ICP (and their relative weightings) are as follows: cash flow from operations before discretionary pension funding (35%); segment operating income growth (35%); net income growth* (15%); and operating margin rate* (15%).
- Awarded Restricted Performance Stock Rights ("RPSR") for the performance period 2021-2023 and approved the metrics for such RPSR awards (and their relative weightings), which will be measured in terms of cumulative free cash flow (1/3); operating return on net assets (1/3); and relative total shareholder return (1/3), and increasing the maximum payout of the RPSR awards granted from 150% to 200%. The Board of Directors also approved the award of Restricted Stock Rights ("RSR") that will vest on February 16, 2024. Of the awards granted, 70% were comprised of RPSRs and 30% were comprised of RSRs. Similar to prior years, the Compensation Committee did not award any stock options. Other than as described in this Item 5.02, there are no material changes from 2020 in the terms of the 2021 RPSR and RSR awards for the named executive officers.

* Adjusted for net pension, purchased intangible amortization and certain other merger-related items.
