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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

March 23, 2017

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

TASER International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-16391
(Commission File Number)

86-0741227
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

17800 N. 85th St.
Scottsdale, Arizona 85255
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(480) 991-0797
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

On March 23, 2017, TASER International, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Jawad A. Ahsan to serve as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Ahsan will also be designated as the Company's Principal Financial and Accounting Officer. Mr. Ahsan succeeds Dan Behrendt and acting Chief Financial Officer Marie Masenga. Ms. Masenga will continue in her position as Corporate Controller.

Mr. Ahsan, 38, is joining the Company's management team after serving, since May of 2014, as CFO for Market Track. Before joining Market Track, Mr. Ahsan had a 13-year career at General Electric Company where he served as CFO of Clinical Business Solutions, a division of GE Healthcare IT. Prior to this appointment, he served as CFO for Healthcare Knowledge & Connectivity Solutions, which he helped guide to an exit into Caradigm, GE's healthcare IT joint venture with Microsoft. Mr. Ahsan earned his MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management and a BA in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross.

In connection with his appointment, Mr. Ahsan will receive an annual base salary of \$300,000, will be eligible for annual cash incentive compensation of \$150,000, and will be eligible for annual service-based and performance-based restricted stock units (RSUs). Upon hire, Mr. Ahsan will be granted \$1,250,000 of service-based RSUs and \$150,000 of performance-based RSUs. The service-based RSUs will vest in equal annual installments over five years from his date of hire, and the performance-based RSUs will vest after three years based on and subject to the achievement of pre-defined Company performance metrics relating growth targets relative to consolidated revenue, Axon segment revenue and international bookings.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Ahsan and any other persons pursuant to which he was chosen to become an officer, he has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K and he has no family relationship with any director or executive officer of the Company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press release dated March 23, 2017

SIGNATURE

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: March 23, 2017

TASER International, Inc.

By: /s/ PATRICK W. SMITH

Patrick W. Smith

Chief Executive Officer

FOR RELEASE ON: March, 23, 2017



TASER Axon Announces Jawad Ahsan as Chief Financial Officer

Former GE Executive Brings Key Operational Excellence and SaaS Experience

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz, March 23, 2017 -TASER International, Inc. (NASDAQ: TASR), today announced the appointment of Jawad Ahsan as Chief Financial Officer, effective April 3, 2017. Ahsan is joining TASER & Axon's management team after serving, since May of 2014, as CFO for Market Track, where he oversaw the Company's overall financial activities including accounting, treasury, tax, audit, and financial operations. He was also responsible for the Company's HR and Legal functions.

Before joining Market Track, Ahsan had a 13-year career at General Electric Company. At GE, Ahsan brought his strong background in financial and risk management to his position as CFO of Clinical Business Solutions, a division of GE Healthcare IT. Prior to this appointment, he served as CFO for Healthcare Knowledge & Connectivity Solutions, which he helped guide to an exit into Caradigm, GE's healthcare IT joint venture with Microsoft.

Ahsan joined GE Healthcare in 2010 after four years with GE's aviation vertical, where he served as Risk Manager for the widebody engine programs at GE Aviation and as VP, Financial Planning & Analysis at GE Capital's aircraft leasing business.

Prior to those appointments, Ahsan gained vast international experience with GE's internal Corporate Audit Staff, working in several industries across more than twenty countries, including financial services, healthcare, aviation, oil & gas, electrical distribution & supply, and film & entertainment. Ahsan is a graduate of GE's Financial Management Program (FMP) with GE Plastics.

Ahsan earned his MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management and a BA in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross.

"Jawad will bring a deep skill set of financial rigor and leadership to our team," said TASER Founder & CEO Rick Smith. "He brings a fantastic blend of operational experience from rising through the ranks at GE with in-depth knowledge of both hardware and software-as-a-service businesses. I can't imagine a better fit for this role and it's a thrill to have him on board."

"At GE, I gained an appreciation for the impact that disciplined financial management can have in focusing passionate, vision-driven organizations to achieve greater results. At TASER and Axon, the company has an enormous opportunity to solve critical challenges facing public safety while building highly defensible and profitable business models," said Ahsan. "I'm excited that in my capacity as CFO I can help build out the financial systems and business models to support the company as it continues to scale."

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