

NEWPORT CORP
Form 8-K
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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)

January 2, 2008

NEWPORT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)*

000-01649

(Commission File Number)

94-0849175

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1791 Deere Avenue, Irvine, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

92606

(Zip Code)

(949) 863-3144

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 2, 2008, Newport Corporation (the Registrant) entered into a Loan Agreement with Bank of America, N.A. The Loan Agreement provides for a \$5,000,000 revolving line of credit, which bears interest at either the prevailing prime rate, or the prevailing London Interbank Offered Rate plus 1.25%, at the Registrant's option, carries an unused line fee of 0.25% per year and expires on December 1, 2008. Certain cash equivalents owned by the Registrant and held by the lender collateralize the line of credit. The Loan Agreement supersedes the Business Loan Agreement and associated Promissory Note between the Registrant and Bank of America, N.A. dated September 25, 2002, as amended, which have expired in accordance with their terms.

The Loan Agreement is included as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Description

10.1 Loan Agreement between the Registrant and Bank of America, N.A. dated January 2, 2008.

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.

January 7, 2008

NEWPORT CORPORATION

By: */s/ Jeffrey B. Coyne*
Jeffrey B. Coyne
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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