

FreightCar America, Inc.
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): September 16, 2011

FREIGHTCAR AMERICA, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

000-51237
(Commission

File Number)

25-1837219
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

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Two North Riverside Plaza, Suite 1250

Chicago, Illinois
(Address of principal executive offices)
(800) 458-2235

60606
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

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

On September 16, 2011, FreightCar America, Inc. (the Company) announced that it has appointed Terrence G. Heidkamp as Senior Vice President, Operations, effective October 3, 2011.

Mr. Heidkamp, 55, joins the Company from GATX Corporation, where he served as Vice President, Government Affairs and Regulatory Compliance since 2010. Prior to that, he served for 17 years as Vice President, Group Executive Operations for GATX Corporation's rail leasing business.

In connection with Mr. Heidkamp's appointment, the Company and Mr. Heidkamp entered into a letter agreement regarding Terms of Employment (the Agreement) dated September 15, 2011 and effective October 3, 2011 (the Effective Date). A description of the material terms of the Agreement is set forth below, which description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

- (1) Term: Mr. Heidkamp's employment with the Company is not for a specified term and there is no specified term for the Agreement.
- (2) Base Salary: The Company will pay Mr. Heidkamp an initial base salary of \$280,000 per year, which is subject to annual review by the Company.
- (3) Bonus: Mr. Heidkamp will be entitled to participate in the Company's annual cash incentive plan applicable to senior executives (the Bonus Plan) and to earn a bonus (Bonus) for each fiscal year of the Company ending during his employment beginning in fiscal year 2012 and a pro-rated bonus for fiscal year 2011. His target Bonus is 50% of his base salary, upon achievement of a target level of performance set forth in the Bonus Plan, and is payable within 2.5 months after the end of the relevant fiscal year. His maximum Bonus may be as much as 75% of his base salary.
- (4) Long-Term Incentive and Other Executive Compensation Plans: Mr. Heidkamp will be eligible to participate in all of the Company's equity-based and cash-based long-term incentive and other executive and deferred compensation plans on a basis no less favorable than other similarly situated executives.
- (5) Sign-On Award: On the Effective Date, the Company will award Mr. Heidkamp options under the Company's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the Effective Date. This option award would become fully vested upon a change in control.
- (6) Other Amounts: Mr. Heidkamp will be entitled to participate in each of the Company's employee retirement, savings, welfare and fringe benefit plans, and perquisites, offered to its senior executives. He will be entitled to at least four weeks of paid annual vacation

beginning in 2012, and reimbursement by the Company for all business expenses (including entertainment) incurred in connection with his duties.

(7) Termination Payments: Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Heidkamp's employment may be terminated by the Company or Mr. Heidkamp upon notice to the other party. Upon a termination of Mr. Heidkamp's employment for any reason, he will be entitled to (i) accrued base salary and accrued and unused vacation through the date of termination, (ii) any earned and unpaid prior fiscal year bonus and (iii) any accrued and vested benefits and unreimbursed expenses incurred and unpaid on the date of termination. In addition, Mr. Heidkamp will be a participant in the Company's Executive Severance Plan, which sets forth Mr. Heidkamp's benefits upon termination of employment or a change in control. Under this plan, upon involuntary termination of employment without cause or termination of employment for good reason, Mr. Heidkamp would be entitled to continuation of base salary for a period of 12 months, an amount equal to the average of the annual bonuses paid to him for the last two full years and continuation of certain health benefits for a period of 12 months.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 Letter agreement regarding Terms of Employment dated September 15, 2011 by and between FreightCar America, Inc. and Terrence G. Heidkamp.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FreightCar America, Inc.

Date: September 16, 2011

By: /s/ Laurence M. Trusdell

Name: Laurence M. Trusdell

Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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