
**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 earliest event reported) **May 1, 2009**

MTR GAMING GROUP, INC.

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-20508

(Commission File Number)

84-1103135

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

STATE ROUTE 2 SOUTH, P.O. BOX 356 CHESTER, WEST VIRGINIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

26034

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(304) 387-8000**

N/A

(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))
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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

(c) On May 1, 2009, the Registrant appointed Robert Norton as its new Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Norton will assume his new duties on or before June 8, 2009. Prior to the date of this Report, Mr. Norton served as the Corporate Vice President of Business Strategy of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. ("ICCI") in St. Louis, Missouri, a position he held since May 2008. Mr. Norton served as Corporate Vice President of Gaming Operations at ICCI in St. Louis, Missouri, from January 2005 to May 2008. Mr. Norton also served as Vice President and General Manager at ICCI in Kansas City, Missouri, from January 2004 to January 2005. Mr. Norton is 37 years old. Mr. Norton's Employment Agreement is described in Item 5.02(e) below.

The Registrant has entered into an employment agreement, dated May 1, 2009, with Mr. Norton for a term of two years. The effective commencement date of Mr. Norton's employment is to be on or before June 8, 2009. Mr. Norton's Agreement also provides for an annual base salary of \$300,000 (as adjusted from time to time with the approval of the Registrant's Compensation Committee) subject to an automatic cost-of-living increase of five percent (5%), additional compensation of \$7,200 per year for automobile expenses, four weeks of paid vacation, and certain relocation benefits and other benefits included in the Agreement. Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, Mr. Norton is also entitled to a discretionary cash bonus of no less than 20% of his base annual compensation. In the event of termination of employment in connection with a change of control as defined in the Agreement, Mr. Norton would receive a severance payment equal to the greater of (i) the entire compensation otherwise payable to him under the provisions of Section 3 of his Agreement (base salary, discretionary cash bonus, benefit plan and fringe benefit amounts, car allowance, vacation and expenses, or (ii) 18 months salary.

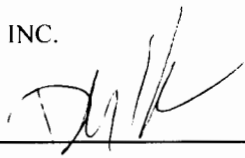
Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated May 1, 2009

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.

MTR GAMING GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ David R. Hughes 
David R. Hughes
Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

Date: May 11, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MTR GAMING GROUP ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT NORTON AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

CHESTER, W.Va., May 11, 2009 — MTR Gaming Group, Inc. (NasdaqGS: MNTG) today announced that Robert Norton has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of MTR Gaming Group, Inc. and will join MTR on or before June 8, 2009. Mr. Norton brings to MTR more than 14 years of experience in the gaming industry. Most recently, Mr. Norton served as the Corporate Vice President of Business Strategy of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri, a position he held since May 2008. Mr. Norton served as Corporate Vice President of Gaming Operations of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. from January 2005 to May 2008 and as Vice President and General Manager at Isle's property in Kansas City, Missouri from January 2004 to January 2005.

Robert F. Griffin, President and CEO of MTR Gaming Group, stated, "We are pleased to welcome Robert to the MTR team. As COO of MTR Gaming Group, Inc., Robert's responsibilities will include improving the operating performance at our properties, principally by overseeing the implementation of new gaming product and establishing operating standards. We are confident that Mr. Norton will be a valuable asset to MTR".

About MTR Gaming Group

MTR Gaming Group, Inc., through subsidiaries, owns and operates Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack & Resort in Chester, WV; Presque Isle Downs & Casino in Erie, PA; and Scioto Downs in Columbus, OH. For more information, please visit www.mtrgaming.com

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