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): March 26, 2009

KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-21820 (Commission File Number)

93-0822509 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 Avery Street Walla Walla, Washington 99362 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(509) 529-2161 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registratic 8 telephone number, including area code

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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT 5.02. OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

Effective March 26, 2009, Key Technology, Inc. (the "Company") accepted the resignation of Gary F. Locke, an independent director of the Company. Mr. Locke resigned upon his confirmation by the United States Senate to be the next United States Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Locke's acceptance of the position required his resignation from all boards of for-profit organizations. Mr. Locke was a member of the Compensation and Management Development Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Locke's resignation was not the result of any dispute or disagreement with the Company with respect to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.

/s/ John J. Ehren John J. Ehren Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 31, 2009