NEWPORT CORP Form 8-K January 31, 2007

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 31, 2007

NEWPORT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction

000-01649 (Commission File Number) 94-0849175 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

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)

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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 31, 2007, Newport Corporation (the Company) announced that it is offering approximately \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of convertible subordinated notes due 2012 through an offering to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

The notes and the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

A copy of the press release announcing the private placement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number99.1 Press release issued by Newport Corporation, dated January 31, 2007.

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.

NEWPORT CORPORATION

Date: January 31, 2007 By: /s/ Jeffrey B. Coyne Jeffrey B. Coyne

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit NumberDescription99.1Press release issued by Newport Corporation, dated January 31, 2007.