UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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 7, 2012

HARSCO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-03970 (Commission File Number) 23-1483991

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

350 Poplar Church Road, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 717-763-7064

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

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(Zip Code)

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

As previously disclosed in a Form 8-K filed on February 28, 2012, Harsco Corporation's (the "Company's") Board of Directors appointed Henry W. Knueppel as Interim Chairman and Interim Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Company.

In connection with this appointment, on March 7, 2012, Mr. Knueppel received a notification letter from the Company describing his compensation arrangement for the period through which he serves as Interim Chairman and Interim CEO (the "Term"). The following describes Mr. Knueppel's compensation arrangements with the Company:

Salary – During the Term, Mr. Knueppel will receive a base salary of \$75,000 per month.

Incentive Compensation – In lieu of participation in the Company's short-term and long-term incentive plans, and in accordance with the terms of the Company's 1995 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated to date, Mr. Knueppel will receive, on the first day of each of the Company's fiscal quarters that begins during the Term, an award of shares of common stock with a fair market value at the time of issuance of \$400,000. For the quarter ending March 31, 2012, Mr. Knueppel will receive a prorated award of shares of common stock with a fair market value at the time of issuance of \$145,055. The shares granted to Mr. Knueppel will vest immediately and will not be subject to any holding period restrictions.

Benefits and Perquisites – Mr. Knueppel has elected not to participate in any of the Company's health and welfare, retirement or other employee benefit programs or plans. The Board has granted Mr. Knueppel use of the Company's aircraft for his commute between the Company's headquarters in Pennsylvania and his residence in Wisconsin. The Board felt this was appropriate to lessen the disruption to Mr. Knueppel in light of the short term nature of this assignment. The tax liability for such use will be grossed up for tax purposes. In addition, the Company will assume all housing, car rental and meal expenses associated with Mr. Knueppel's necessary travel back and forth from his residence in Wisconsin to Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

SIGNATURE

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.

HARSCO CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: March 12, 2012

By: /s/ Mark E. Kimmel

Mark E. Kimmel Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary