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): May 18, 2007

ANSYS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) **0-20853** (Commission File Number) **04-3219960** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

275 Technology Drive, Canonsburg, PA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

15317 (Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) (724) 746-3304

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

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

On May 18, 2007, the Board of Directors of ANSYS, Inc. (the "Company") elected Michael C. Thurk as a Class II Director to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. The Board of Directors has also appointed Mr. Thurk to the Audit Committee. In connection with his service to the Company as a director, Mr. Thurk will be entitled to receive compensation consistent with that of the Company's other non-affiliate independent directors who are not employees of the Company, as described in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 9, 2007 under the caption, "Our Board of Directors - Director Compensation," which portion of such proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Thurk was not selected as a director pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between Mr. Thurk and any other persons.

Since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, there was no transaction or series of similar transactions, nor is there any currently proposed transaction or series of similar transactions, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party, in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and in which Mr. Thurk, or members of his immediately family, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, other than his director compensation arrangements.

On May 22, 2007, the Company issued a press release in connection with Mr. Thurk's election to the Board. The full text of the press release is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number 99.1 Description ANSYS, Inc. press release dated May 22, 2007 entitled "Michael C. Thurk Named to ANSYS, Inc. Board of Directors"

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.

ANSYS, INC.

Date: May 22, 2007

By: /s/ Sheila S. DiNardo

Sheila S. DiNardo - Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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Michael C. Thurk Named to ANSYS, Inc. Board of Directors

SOUTHPOINTE, Pa., May 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ANSYS, Inc.

(Nasdaq: ANSS), a global innovator of simulation software and technologies designed to optimize product development processes, today announced that its board of directors has elected Michael C. Thurk, Chief Operating Officer of Avaya Inc., to the ANSYS board. He also has been appointed to the Audit Committee.

Thurk brings to ANSYS a diversity of 32 years of leadership experience in the technology industry. Prior to his current role, Thurk served as President, Global Communications Solutions and as a Group Vice President, Systems at Avaya, a leader in corporate communications networking solutions and services. His experience also includes management positions at Ericsson and several U.S. data communications companies. At Ericsson, he was Executive Vice President, Division Data Backbone and Optical Networks and President, Ericsson Datacom, Inc. Before Ericsson, Thurk was President of Xyplex Networks and a vice president with General DataComm. Prior to that, he worked for Digital Equipment Corporation, in various senior roles and as a vice president responsible for enterprise network related businesses. Thurk has a B.S. in computer science from Purdue University, an M.B.A. from Babson College, and completed the Advanced Management Program at INSEAD in France.

"We are delighted to welcome Mike to the board," said Peter Smith, Chairman of ANSYS, Inc. "Mike's impressive combination of strategic, operational and general management experience in the technology sector make him a most valuable addition to the ANSYS board of directors."

About ANSYS, Inc.

ANSYS, Inc., founded in 1970, develops and globally markets engineering simulation software and technologies widely used by engineers and designers across a broad spectrum of industries. The Company focuses on the development of open and flexible solutions that enable users to analyze designs directly on the desktop, providing a common platform for fast, efficient and cost-conscious product development, from design concept to final-stage testing and validation. The Company and its global network of channel partners provide sales, support and training for customers. Headquartered in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., with more than 40 strategic sales locations throughout the world, ANSYS, Inc. and its subsidiaries employ approximately 1,400 people and distribute ANSYS products through a network of channel partners in over 40 countries. Visit www.ansys.com for more information.

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