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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 14, 2008**

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**HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-25837**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2681268**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200, Chicago, IL**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60606-6303**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 496-1200**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 14, 2008, Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc., issued a news release updating its financial guidance for the year ending December 31, 2008. A copy of the Company's press release relating to this event is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Heidrick & Struggles Press Release dated October 14, 2008

**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.

Dated: October 20, 2008

**HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

By: /s/ K. Steven Blake

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K. Steven Blake, Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

## Heidrick & Struggles Updates 2008 Guidance

CHICAGO, Oct 14, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) — Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (Nasdaq:HSII), the world's premier executive search and leadership consulting firm, today updated its financial guidance for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Based on information currently available, the company expects net revenue of approximately \$630 million and an operating margin of approximately 10 percent for the year ending December 31, 2008. This compares to previous guidance for net revenue in the range of \$650 and \$660 million and an operating margin of approximately 13 percent.

Chief Executive Officer L. Kevin Kelly said, "We are all acutely aware of the challenging, and in many respects unprecedented, economic environment in which we are operating today. Our business, like most others around the world, is being impacted. But as a result of our diversity, both geographically as well as through our industry practice offerings, we still look to achieve year-over-year revenue growth. We have also made significant progress in cutting costs as a result of initiatives implemented throughout the year. Given the lack of near-term visibility into the economy, we will maintain our focus on the basics — serving our clients, watching costs, and managing risk. At the same time our strong balance sheet, with no debt and approximately \$180 million in cash, allows us to take advantage of prudent investment opportunities that will benefit our shareholders when market conditions improve."

Heidrick & Struggles will release its third quarter results on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 am central time and will host its quarterly conference call at 9:00 am central time. Participants may access the company's release, call and supporting slides at [www.heidrick.com](http://www.heidrick.com). For those unable to participate on the live call, a webcast and copy of the slides will be archived at [www.heidrick.com](http://www.heidrick.com) and available for up to 30 days following the investor call.

About Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. is the world's premier provider of senior-level executive search and leadership consulting services, including talent management, board building, executive on-boarding and M&A effectiveness. For more than 50 years, we have focused on quality service and built strong leadership teams through our relationships with clients and individuals worldwide. Today, Heidrick & Struggles leadership experts operate from principal business centers in North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia Pacific. For more information about Heidrick & Struggles, please visit [www.heidrick.com](http://www.heidrick.com).

### Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry in which we operate and management's beliefs and assumptions. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "forecasts," and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed, forecasted or implied in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may affect the outcome of the forward-looking statements include, among other things: our ability to attract and retain qualified executive search consultants; the condition of the economies in the United States, Europe, or elsewhere; social or political instability in markets where we operate; the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; price competition; the ability to forecast, on a quarterly basis, variable compensation accruals that ultimately are determined based on the achievement of annual results; our ability to realize our tax loss carryforwards; the timing of a partial release or full reversal of deferred tax asset valuation allowance; the mix of profit and loss by country; an impairment of our goodwill and other intangible assets; and delays in the development and/or implementation of new technology and systems. Our reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission also include information on factors that may affect the outcome of forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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