

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 2008

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

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**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) August 19, 2008 (August 18, 2008)**

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-3671**

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(Commission File Number)

**13-1673581**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100,**

**Falls Church, Virginia**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**22042-4513**

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(Zip Code)

**(703) 876-3000**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

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(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report.)

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 18, 2008, General Dynamics Corporation and General Dynamics European Holdings BV entered into a definitive share purchase agreement to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Jet Aviation Holding AG, a Swiss company, for CHF 2.45 billion (approximately \$2.25 billion) in cash, from Dreamliner Lux S.à.r.l., a company controlled by Permira Funds. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals, and is expected to close by the end of 2008.

A copy of the press release announcing the execution of the definitive share purchase agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

- 99.1 General Dynamics press release dated August 19, 2008, announcing General Dynamics agreement to acquire Jet Aviation.

**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.

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

by /s/ John W. Schwartz  
John W. Schwartz  
Vice President and Controller  
(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)

Dated: August 19, 2008