

GLOBAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS, INC.  
Form 8-A12B  
November 16, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**GLOBAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation or organization)

**1501 Farm Credit Drive**

**Suite 2300**

**20-4477465**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**22102**

**McLean, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

**Title of each class**

**Name of each exchange on which**

**to be so registered**

**each class is to be registered**

**Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share**

**The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC**

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

**Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-161719.**

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

**N/A**

(Title of Class)

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

The description of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Global Defense Technology & Systems, Inc. (the "Registrant") to be registered hereby is included under the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock" in the prospectus dated on or about November 19, 2009 included in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (No. 333-161719), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Prospectus"), which Prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

Under the Instructions as to Exhibits with respect to Form 8-A, no exhibits are required to be filed because no other securities of the Registrant are registered on the Nasdaq Global Market, and the securities registered hereby are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Exchange Act, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

GLOBAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY & SYSTEMS,  
INC.

By: /s/ JOHN HILLEN  
Name: **John Hillen**  
Title: **President and Chief Executive Officer**

Dated: November 16, 2009