

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

January 6, 1998
(Date of Report)

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File No. 0-15235

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

87-0418827
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

10070 Carroll Canyon Road
San Diego, California 92131
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(619) 635-5900
(Registrant's Telephone No.)

Item 5. Other Events.

Elliot Wassarman has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Mitek Systems, Inc. (the "Company") effective January 5, 1998. Mr. Wassarman has also been appointed to the board of directors of the Company.

In addition, effective January 5, 1998, John Kessler resigned from the position of Chief Executive Officer and the board of directors and assumed the position of Chief Financial Officer.

The text of a press release dated December 23, 1997 announcing these changes is attached as an exhibit and is incorporated herein by reference.

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: January 6, 1998

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/John Thornton
John Thornton
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. APPOINTS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SAN DIEGO -- (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Dec. 23, 1997 - Mitek Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ:MITK) announced today that Elliot Wassarman has been appointed to the position of president and chief executive officer for the company effective Jan. 5, 1998.

In addition, Wassarman was appointed to the board of directors of the company. Concurrent with this appointment, the company announced the resignation of John F. Kessler from these positions and his assumption of the duties of chief financial officer. Wassarman has held similar positions in technology and software industry related companies, including Promis Systems Corp., Teralinx Communications Corp., Copam USA Inc., and until this appointment, Electric Classifieds Inc. Wassarman also served in various senior global sales and marketing roles during his career at both large public and private companies.

"We are very pleased with Elliot's decision to join the company and are confident that his extensive leadership experience in the high-technology and software areas will bring rapid improvement in the performance of the company. It is believed that this experience will help to develop new channels of distribution, forge strategic business alliances, and meet investor expectations," said John M. Thornton, chairman of the board. His industry knowledge, coupled with his leadership and management skills will bring this dimension to us."

Mitek Systems, Inc. is a worldwide leader in neural imaging technology located at 10070 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92131. The company's document imaging and intelligent character recognition products and technology are used in high-production automated data entry and forms processing applications. Mitek's products are installed in some of the largest companies and government organizations in the world.