

Marathon Patent Group, Inc.
Form 8-K
April 18, 2017

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): **April 18, 2017 (April 17, 2017)**

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-36555
(Commission File Number)

01-0949984
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 380
Los Angeles, CA

(Address of principal executive
offices)

90025
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(800) 804-1690**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒ X

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

**ITEM 3.01
of Listing.**

Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer

On April 17, 2017, Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (the Company) received a letter from The Nasdaq Capital Market (Nasdaq) notifying the Company that it is no longer in compliance with the minimum stockholders' equity requirement for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(1) requires listed companies to maintain stockholders' equity of at least \$2.5 million. In the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2016, the Company reported stockholders' equity of \$(9,287,142), which is below the minimum stockholders' equity required for continued listing pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(1). Further, as of April 17, 2017, the Company does not meet the alternative compliance standards relating to the market value of listed securities or net income from continuing operations and does not comply with the Nasdaq Listing Rules.

Nasdaq has provided the Company with 45 calendar days, or until June 1, 2017, to submit a plan to regain compliance with the minimum stockholders' equity standard. If the Company's plan to regain compliance is accepted, Nasdaq may grant an extension of up to 180 calendar days from the date of the notification letter to evidence compliance.

The Company intends to promptly evaluate various courses of action to regain compliance and to timely submit a plan to Nasdaq to regain compliance with the Nasdaq minimum stockholders' equity standard. However, there can be no assurance that the Company's plan will be accepted or that if it is, the Company will be able to regain compliance. If the Company's plan to regain compliance with the minimum stockholders' equity standard is not accepted or if it is and the Company does not regain compliance within 180 days from the date of the notification letter or if the Company fails to satisfy another Nasdaq requirement for continued listing, Nasdaq staff could provide notice that the Company's common stock will become subject to delisting. In such event, Nasdaq rules permit the Company to appeal the decision to reject its proposed compliance plan or any delisting determination to a Nasdaq Hearings Panel.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 18, 2017

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Francis Knuettel II
Name: Francis Knuettel II
Title: Chief Financial Officer