

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC
Form 8-K
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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): February 8, 2018

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-2960 72-1123385
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9320 Lakeside Blvd., Suite 100 77381
The Woodlands, TX
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 362-6800

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

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 240.13a-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

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 8, 2018, Newpark Resources, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing financial information for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2017. The press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and the information in the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

To help understand the Company’s financial performance, the Company has supplemented its financial results that it provides in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) with non-GAAP financial measures. Such financial measures include earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”), EBITDA Margin, Net Debt and the Ratio of Net Debt to Capital.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures are frequently used by investors, securities analysts and other parties in the evaluation of our performance and/or that of other companies in our industry. In addition, management uses these measures to evaluate operating performance, and our incentive compensation plan measures performance based on our consolidated EBITDA, along with other factors. The methods we use to produce these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from methods used by other companies. These measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. Applicable reconciliations to the nearest GAAP financial measure of each non-GAAP financial measure are included in the attached Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Under the terms of the March 2014 sale of our previous Environmental Services business to Ecoserv, LLC (“Ecoserv”), \$8.0 million of the sales price was withheld and placed in an escrow account to satisfy claims for possible breaches of representations and warranties contained in the sale agreement. In December 2014, we received a letter from Ecoserv asserting that we had breached certain representations and warranties contained in the sale agreement, including failing to disclose operational problems and service work performed on injection/disposal wells and increased barge rental costs. The letter indicated that Ecoserv expected the damages associated with these claims to exceed the escrow amount. In July of 2015 we filed an action against Ecoserv in state court in Harris County, Texas, seeking release of the escrow funds. Thereafter, Ecoserv filed a counterclaim seeking recovery in excess of the escrow funds based on the alleged breach of representations and covenants in the sale agreement. Ecoserv also alleged that we committed fraud in connection with the sale transaction. Discovery in the case provided more information about Ecoserv’s claims, which include, among other things, alleged inadequate disclosures regarding the condition of a disposal cavern (at the time of the execution of the sale agreement and again as it relates to the time period between execution of the sale agreement and closing) and the lack of appropriate reserves/accruals/provisions in the financial statements of the business relating to certain regulatory obligations (such as plug and abandonment costs for injection wells and costs associated with a solids drying facility). The case proceeded to a bench (non-jury) trial in December of 2017, leading to the parties engaging in settlement discussions. The parties executed a settlement agreement (effective on February 7, 2018), under which Ecoserv will receive \$22.0 million in cash, effectively reducing the sale price of the Environmental Services business by such amount in exchange for dismissal of the pending claims in the lawsuit, and release of any future claims related to the transaction. The impact of this settlement results in a \$17.4 million loss from disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax in 2017 to reduce the previously recognized gain of \$22.1 million from the sale of the Environmental Services business. The reduction in the sale price will be funded, in part, through the release of \$8.0 million that has been held in escrow since the March 2014 transaction.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by Newpark Resources, Inc. on February 8, 2018.

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.

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.

Dated: February 9, 2018 By: /s/ Gregg S. Piontek
Gregg S. Piontek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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