

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/
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): December 8, 2017

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-14195
(Commission File Number)

65-0723837
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

116 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 375-7500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 8, 2017, American Tower Corporation (the Company) completed a registered public offering of \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.000% senior unsecured notes due 2023 (the 2023 notes) and \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.600% senior unsecured notes due 2028 (the 2028 notes and, collectively with the 2023 notes, the Notes), which resulted in aggregate net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$1,382.9 million, after deducting commissions and estimated expenses. The Company intends to use approximately \$345.7 million of the net proceeds to repay existing indebtedness under its senior unsecured revolving credit facility entered into in June 2013, as amended, and approximately \$1,037.2 million of the net proceeds to repay existing indebtedness under its senior unsecured revolving credit facility entered into in January 2012 and amended and restated in September 2014, as further amended.

The Company issued the Notes under an indenture dated as of May 23, 2013 (the Base Indenture), as supplemented by a supplemental indenture dated as of December 8, 2017 (Supplemental Indenture No. 9) and, together with the Base Indenture, the Indenture), each between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the Trustee). The following description of the Indenture is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the detailed provisions of the Indenture.

The 2023 notes will mature on June 15, 2023 and bear interest at a rate of 3.000% per annum. The 2028 notes will mature on January 15, 2028 and bear interest at a rate of 3.600% per annum. Accrued and unpaid interest on the 2023 notes will be payable in U.S. Dollars semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning on June 15, 2018. Accrued and unpaid interest on the 2028 notes will be payable in U.S. Dollars semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on July 15, 2018. Interest on the Notes will accrue from December 8, 2017 and will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. The terms of the Indenture, among other things, limit the Company's ability to merge, consolidate or sell assets and the Company's and its subsidiaries' abilities to incur liens. These covenants are subject to a number of exceptions, including that the Company and its subsidiaries may incur liens on assets, mortgages or other liens securing indebtedness, provided the aggregate amount of such liens shall not exceed 3.5x Adjusted EBITDA as defined in the Indenture.

The Company may redeem the Notes at any time, in whole or in part, at its election at the applicable redemption price. If the Company redeems the 2023 notes prior to their maturity date or the 2028 notes prior to October 15, 2027, the Company will pay a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus a make-whole premium, together with accrued interest to the redemption date. If the Company redeems the 2028 notes on or after October 15, 2027, the Company will pay a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date. In addition, if the Company undergoes a Change of Control and Ratings Decline, each as defined in the Indenture, the Company may be required to repurchase all of the Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any), up to but not including the repurchase date.

The Indenture provides that each of the following is an event of default (Event of Default): (i) default for 30 days in payment of any interest due with respect to the Notes; (ii) default in payment of principal or premium, if any, on the Notes when due, at maturity, upon any redemption, by declaration or otherwise; (iii) failure by the Company to comply with covenants in the Indenture or Notes for 90 days after receiving notice; and (iv) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries. If any Event of Default arising under clause (iv) above occurs, the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest on all the outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare the entire principal amount on all the outstanding Notes to be due and payable immediately.

The foregoing is only a summary of certain provisions and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Base Indenture, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 23, 2013 as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-188812), and incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-211829), and the Supplemental Indenture No. 9, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1, and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of the Registrant.

Please refer to the discussion under Item 1.01 above, which is incorporated under this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

A copy of the opinion of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP relating to the legality of the issuance by the Company of the Notes is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	<u>Supplemental Indenture No. 9, dated as of December 8, 2017, by and between American Tower Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP.</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).</u>

SIGNATURE

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.

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: December 8, 2017

By:

/s/ Thomas A. Bartlett

Thomas A. Bartlett

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Treasurer