

ORMAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-K**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015**

**Or**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Commission file number: 001-32347**

**ORMAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**DELAWARE**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

**88-0326081**

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)*

**6225 Neil Road, Reno, Nevada 89511-1136**

*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(775) 356-9029**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
Common Stock \$0.001 Par Value	New York Stock Exchange

**Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

**None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): ☐

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of June 30, 2015, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$1,418,095,165 based on the closing price as reported on the New York Stock Exchange. As described herein, the aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant increased significantly on February 12, 2015, which is the date on which the share exchange contemplated by the Share Exchange Agreement (as described herein) was completed.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date: As of February 23, 2016, the number of outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share was 49,112,901.

Documents incorporated by reference: Part III (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) incorporates by reference portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed not later than 120 days after December 31, 2015.

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## Glossary of Terms

When the following terms and abbreviations appear in the text of this report, they have the meanings indicated below:

<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
AER	Alternative Earth Resources Inc.
Amatitlan Loan	\$42,000,000 in initial aggregate principal amount borrowed by our subsidiary Ortitlan Limitada from Banco Industrial S.A. and Westrust Bank (International) Limited.
AMM	Administrador del Mercado Mayorista (administrator of the wholesale market — Guatemala)
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Auxiliary Power	The power needed to operate a geothermal power plant's auxiliary equipment such as pumps and cooling towers
Availability	The ratio of the time a power plant is ready to be in service, or is in service, to the total time interval under consideration, expressed as a percentage, independent of fuel supply (heat or geothermal) or transmission accessibility
Balance of Plant equipment	Power plant equipment other than the generating units including items such as transformers, valves, interconnection equipment, cooling towers for water cooled power plants, etc.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior
BOT	Build, operate and transfer
Capacity	The maximum load that a power plant can carry under existing conditions, less auxiliary power
Capacity Factor	The ratio of the average load on a generating resource to its generating capacity during a specified period of time, expressed as a percentage
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CGC	Crump Geothermal Company LLC
C&I	Refers to the Commercial and Industrial sectors, excluding residential
CNE	National Energy Commission of Honduras
CNEE	National Electric Energy Commission of Guatemala
COD	Commercial Operation Date
Company	Ormat Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
DEG	Deutsche Investitions-und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH
DFIs	Development Finance Institutions
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOGGR	California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
DSCR	Debt Service Coverage Ratio
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization
EGS	Enhanced Geothermal Systems
ENEE	Empresa Nacional de Energía Eléctrica
Enthalpy	The total energy content of a fluid; the heat plus the mechanical energy content of a fluid (such as a geothermal brine), which, for example, can be

partially converted to mechanical energy in an Organic Rankine Cycle.

<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	Engineering, procurement and construction
EPS	Earnings per share
ERC	Kenyan Energy Regulatory Commission
ESC	Energy Sales Contract
Exchange Act	U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FPA	U.S. Federal Power Act, as amended
GAAP	Generally accepted accounting principles
GCCU	Geothermal Combined Cycle Unit
GDC	Geothermal Development Company
GEA	Geothermal Energy Association
Geothermal Power Plant	The power generation facility and the geothermal field
Geothermal Steam Act	U.S. Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, as amended
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GNP	Gross National Product
HELCO	Hawaii Electric Light Company
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IID	Imperial Irrigation District
ILA	Israel Land Administration
INDE	Instituto Nacional de Electrificación
IPPs	Independent Power Producers
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITC	Investment tax credit
ITC Cash Grant	Payment for Specified Renewable Energy property in lieu of Tax Credits under Section 1603 of the ARRA
John Hancock	John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.)
JPM	JPM Capital Corporation
KenGen	Kenya Electricity Generating Company Ltd.
Kenyan Energy Act	Kenyan Energy Act, 2006
KETRACO	Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited
KLP	Kapoho Land Partnership
KPLC	Kenya Power and Lighting Co. Ltd.
kVa	Kilovolt-ampere
kW	Kilowatt - A unit of electrical power that is equal to 1,000 watts
kWh	Kilowatt hour(s), a measure of power produced
Mammoth Pacific	Mammoth-Pacific, L.P.
MACRS	Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, a member of the World Bank Group
MW	Megawatt - One MW is equal to 1,000 kW or one million watts
MWh	Megawatt hour(s), a measure of energy produced





<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
NBPL	Northern Border Pipe Line Company
NIS	New Israeli Shekel
NGI	Natural Gas-California SoCal-NGI Natural Gas price index
NV Energy	NV Energy, Inc.
NYSE	New York Stock Exchange
OEC	Ormat Energy Converter
OFC	Ormat Funding Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
OFC Senior Secured Notes	\$190,000,000 8.25% Senior Secured Notes, due 2020 issued by OFC
OFC 2	OFC 2 LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
OFC 2 Senior Secured Notes	Up to \$350,000,000 Senior Secured Notes, due 2034 issued by OFC 2
OMPC	Ormat Momotombo Power Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
OPC	OPC LLC, a consolidated subsidiary of the Company
OPC Transaction	Financing transaction involving four of our Nevada power plants in which institutional equity investors purchased an interest in our special purpose subsidiary that owns such plants.
OPIC	Overseas Private Investment Corporation
OrCal	OrCal Geothermal Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
OrCal Senior Secured Notes	\$165,000,000 6.21% Senior Secured Notes, due 2020 issued by OrCal
Organic Rankine Cycle	A process in which an organic fluid such as a hydrocarbon or fluorocarbon (but not water) is boiled in an evaporator to generate high pressure vapor. The vapor powers a turbine to generate mechanical power. After the expansion in the turbine, the low pressure vapor is cooled and condensed back to liquid in a condenser. A cycle pump is then used to pump the liquid back to the vaporizer to complete the cycle. The cycle is illustrated in the figure below:
Ormat International	Ormat International Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
Ormat Nevada	Ormat Nevada Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
Ormat Systems	Ormat Systems Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
ORPD	ORPD LLC, a holding company subsidiary of the Company in which Northleaf Geothermal Holdings, LLC holds a 36.75% equity interest
ORPD Transaction	Financing transaction involving the Puna complex and Don A. Campbell, OREG 1, OREG 2 and OREG 3 power plants in which Northleaf Geothermal Holdings, LLC purchased an equity interest in our special purpose subsidiary that owns such plants.
OrPower 4	OrPower 4 Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
Ortitlan	Ortitlan Limitada, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
ORTP	ORTP, LLC, a consolidated subsidiary of the Company

<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
ORTP	Financing transaction involving power plants in Nevada and California in which an institutional equity investor purchased an interest in our special purpose subsidiary that owns such plants.
Transaction	
Orzunil	Orzunil I de Electricidad, Limitada, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
PEC	Portfolio Energy Credits
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
PGV	Puna Geothermal Venture, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
PLN	PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara
Power plant equipment	Interconnection equipment, cooling towers for water cooled power plant, etc., including the generating units
PPA	Power purchase agreement
ppm	Part per million
PTC	Production tax credit
PUA	Israeli Public Utility Authority
PUCH	Public Utilities Commission of Hawaii
PUCN	Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
PUHCA	U.S. Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
PUHCA 2005	U.S. Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005
PURPA	U.S. Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
Qualifying Facility(ies)	Certain small power production facilities are eligible to be “Qualifying Facilities” under PURPA, provided that they meet certain power and thermal energy production requirements and efficiency standards. Qualifying Facility status provides an exemption from PUHCA 2005 and grants certain other benefits to the Qualifying Facility
RAM	Renewable Auction Mechanism
REC	Renewable Energy Credit
REG	Recovered Energy Generation
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
RPM	Revolutions Per Minute
RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standards
SCPPA	Southern California Public Power Authority
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Securities Act	U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended
Senior	
Unsecured Bonds	7% Senior Unsecured Bonds Due 2017 issued by the Company
SO#4	Standard Offer Contract No. 4
Solar PV	Solar photovoltaic
SOX Act	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
Southern California Edison	Southern California Edison Company
SPE(s)	Special purpose entity(ies)
SRAC	Short Run Avoided Costs
Union Bank	Union Bank, N.A.
U.S.	United States of America
U.S. Treasury	U.S. Department of the Treasury
WHOH	Waste Heat Oil Heaters



## Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this report that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including such matters as our projections of annual revenues, expenses and debt service coverage with respect to our debt securities, future capital expenditures, business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, development or operation of generation assets, market and industry developments and the growth of our business and operations, are forward-looking statements. When used in this annual report, the words “may”, “will”, “could”, “should”, “expects”, “plans”, “anticipates”, “believes”, “estimates”, “projects”, “potential”, or “contemplate” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such words or expressions. The forward-looking statements in this annual report are primarily located in the material set forth under the headings Item 1 — “Business” contained in Part I of this annual report, Item 1A — “Risk Factors” contained in Part I of this annual report, Item 7 — “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” contained in Part II of this annual report, and “Notes to Financial Statements” contained in Item 8 — “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” contained in Part II of this annual report, but are found in other locations as well. These forward-looking statements generally relate to our plans, objectives and expectations for future operations and are based upon management’s current estimates and projections of future results or trends. Although we believe that our plans and objectives reflected in or suggested by these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we may not achieve these plans or objectives. You should read this annual report completely and with the understanding that actual future results and developments may be materially different from what we expect due to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. Other than as required by law, we will not update forward-looking statements even though our situation may change in the future.

Specific factors that might cause actual results to differ from our expectations include, but are not limited to: