

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS 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): June 1, 2018

Merit Medical Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Utah 0-18592 87-0447695
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

1600 West Merit Parkway
South Jordan, Utah 84095
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(801) 253-1600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(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 240.13e-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

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. o

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto) contains certain estimates and other “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Forward-looking statements generally are accompanied by words such as “will,” “expect,” “outlook,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “see,” “would,” “target” or other similar words, phrases or expressions and variations or negatives of these words. Such forward-looking statements may address the forecasts, plans, revenues, net income, financial results or anticipated or completed acquisitions of Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (“Merit”), and are subject to risks and uncertainties such as those described in Merit’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”). Such risks and uncertainties include risks relating to Merit’s potential inability to successfully manage growth through acquisitions, including the inability to commercialize technology acquired through completed, proposed or future transactions; expenditures relating to research, development, testing and regulatory approval or clearance of Merit’s products and risks that such products may not be developed successfully, may not perform as expected in tests or trials, may be delayed or may not be approved for commercial use; governmental scrutiny and regulation of the medical device industry, including governmental inquiries, investigations and proceedings involving Merit; restrictions on Merit’s liquidity or business operations resulting from its debt agreements; infringement of Merit’s technology or the assertion that Merit’s technology infringes the rights of other parties; product recalls and product liability claims; changes in customer purchasing patterns or the mix of products Merit sells and the potential adverse effect on gross margins of increases in sales of low-margin products relative to high-margin products; the potential of fines, penalties or other adverse consequences if Merit’s employees or agents violate the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or other laws or regulations; laws and regulations targeting fraud and abuse in the healthcare industry; potential for significant adverse changes in governing regulations, including reforms to the procedures for approval or clearance of Merit’s products by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration or comparable regulatory authorities in other jurisdictions; changes in tax laws and regulations in the United States or other countries; increases in the prices of commodity components; negative changes in economic and industry conditions in the United States or other countries; termination or interruption of relationships with Merit’s suppliers, or failure of such suppliers to perform; fluctuations in exchange rates; concentration of a substantial portion of Merit’s revenues among a few products and procedures; development by our competitors of new products and technology that could render Merit’s existing products obsolete; market acceptance of new products; volatility in the market price of Merit’s common stock; modification or limitation of governmental or private insurance reimbursement policies; changes in healthcare policies or markets related to healthcare reform initiatives; failure to comply with applicable environmental laws; changes in key personnel; work stoppage or transportation risks; introduction of products in a timely fashion; price and product competition, particularly if we begin to displace a dominant product in a market; availability of labor and materials; fluctuations in and obsolescence of inventory; and other factors referred to in Merit’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and other materials filed with the Commission. All subsequent forward-looking statements attributable to Merit or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Actual results will likely differ, and may differ materially, from anticipated results. Financial estimates are subject to change, including as a result of any of the factors identified above, and are not intended to be relied upon as predictions of future operating results. Any forward-looking statements in this report and the exhibit attached hereto speak only as of date of this report and Merit undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, except as required by applicable laws or regulations.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 1, 2018, Fred P. Lampropoulos, Merit’s Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Raul Parra, Jr., Merit’s interim Chief Financial Officer, participated in a business update conference call hosted by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., in which they discussed Merit’s operations and products. A copy of the transcript of such conference call

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is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Merit is furnishing the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto) pursuant to Regulation FD promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Such information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and is not deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 Transcript of conference call hosted by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., held on June 1, 2018.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: June 6, 2018 By: /s/ Brian G. Lloyd
Brian G. Lloyd
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

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