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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): September 19, 2017

Belden Inc.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-12561
(Commission
File Number)
1 North Brentwood Boulevard, 15th Floor

36-3601505
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(314) 854-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

n/a

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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.

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 19, 2017, Belden Inc. (Belden) completed its previously announced issuance and sale of 300 million aggregate principal amount of 2.875% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2025 (the Notes). The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture dated as of September 19, 2017 (the Indenture), by and among Belden, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, Deutsche Trustee Company Limited, as Trustee, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, as Principal Paying Agent, and Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., as Transfer Agent and Registrar. Belden used the net proceeds from the offering of the Notes along with cash on hand to fund its cash tender offer for 300 million in aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 5.5% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2023, which was subscribed in full and settled on the same date for an aggregate payment of 317.4 million excluding accrued interest. The Notes were issued at par in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act) and will be resold within the United States to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A and outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes will mature on September 15, 2025 and rank equal in right of payment with Belden s existing and future senior subordinated debt, and are subordinated to all of Belden s and the subsidiary guarantors senior debt, including Belden s revolving credit facility. Belden s obligations under the Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by all of Belden s current and future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the borrowings under its revolving credit facility.

Interest on the Notes accrues at a rate of 2.875% per annum and is payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on March 15, 2018, to the holders of record on the immediately preceding March 1 and September 1.

Belden will have the option to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at any time on or after September 15, 2020 at specified redemption prices plus accrued interest on the notes to the date of redemption. At any time prior to September 15, 2020, Belden may also redeem all or a part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, in addition to a specified applicable premium. At any time before September 15, 2020, Belden may also redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes at a redemption price of 102.875% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption, with the proceeds of certain equity offerings.

Upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined in the Indenture), each holder of the Notes may require Belden to repurchase all or a portion of such holder s Notes in cash at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the date of repurchase.

The Indenture contains covenants that limit, among other things, Belden s and certain of its subsidiaries ability to (1) incur additional debt, (2) pay dividends or make other distributions on, redeem or repurchase capital stock, or make investments or other restricted payments, (3) enter into transactions with affiliates, (4) dispose of assets or issue stock of restricted subsidiaries, (5) create liens on assets securing certain indebtedness, or (6) effect a consolidation or merger or sell all, or substantially all, of its assets. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. Further, during any such time when the Notes are rated investment grade by each of Moody s Investors Service, Inc. and S&P Global Ratings and no Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing, certain of the covenants will be suspended with respect to the Notes.

The Indenture provides for customary events of default (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), which include nonpayment, breach of covenants in the Indenture, payment defaults or acceleration of other indebtedness, a failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. Generally, if an event of default occurs, the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest, including additional interest, on all the Notes to be due and payable.

The foregoing description of the Indenture is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete copy of the Indenture, including the forms of the Note and Notation of Guarantee included therein as Exhibits A and D, respectively, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

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

The information provided under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K regarding the Notes and the Indenture is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- 4.1 Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2017, among Belden, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors named therein, Deutsche Trustee Company Limited, as Trustee, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, as Principal Paying Agent, and Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., as Transfer Agent and Registrar.

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.

Date: September 22, 2017

BELDEN INC.

By: /s/ Brian E. Anderson
Brian E. Anderson
Senior Vice President-Legal, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary