

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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 6, 2017

EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-12626 (Commission File Number)	62-1539359 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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200 South Wilcox Drive, Kingsport, TN 37662
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (423) 229-2000

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- 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

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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 5.02(e) - Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

2018 Unit Performance Plan Corporate Performance Measures and Named Executive Officer Target Variable Pay Opportunities

On December 6, 2017, the Compensation and Management Development Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors of Eastman Chemical Company (the "Company") approved the corporate performance measures, eligible employees (including the executive officers), and target variable pay opportunities for the 2018 Unit Performance Plan (the "UPP"). The UPP is filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and is described in the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement under "Executive Compensation - Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Elements of our Executive Compensation - Annual Cash Compensation - Base Pay and Incentive Pay - Annual Incentive Pay - Unit Performance Plan".

For 2018, UPP corporate performance will be measured (i) 75% by GAAP earnings before interest and taxes, adjusted by the Committee to exclude non-core and any unusual or non-recurring items (typically the same non-core and any unusual or non-recurring items as those excluded from earnings in the non-GAAP financial measures disclosed by the Company in its public financial results disclosures) ("adjusted EBIT") and (ii) 25% by "free cash flow", defined as GAAP cash provided by operating activities less GAAP cash used in additions to properties and equipment, subject to adjustment by the Committee for any unusual items distortive of free cash flow. The target 2018 adjusted EBIT and free cash flow and corresponding target UPP payout pool amount will correspond to the Company's adjusted EBIT and free cash flow targets under the annual business plan for 2018 as approved by the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee will approve the 2018 UPP cash payout pool amount in early 2019 based upon actual adjusted EBIT and free cash flow compared to the pre-set adjusted EBIT and free cash flow targets.

The portion of the UPP award pool allocated to the executive officers will be determined by aggregating their individual target variable pay amounts multiplied by a "performance factor" corresponding to their overall performance compared to pre-established organizational and personal performance objectives. For 2018, the target variable pay for performance that meets the pre-established objectives under the UPP (expressed as a percentage of annual base salary) for the executive officers for whom executive compensation disclosure is provided in the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement (the "named executive officers") will be 140% for Chief Executive Officer Mark J. Costa, 90% for Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Curtis E. Espeland, 90% for Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer Brad A. Lich, 70% for Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer Stephen G. Crawford, and 70% for Senior Vice President, Chief Legal & Sustainability Officer, and Corporate Secretary David A. Golden. The Compensation Committee may consider changing target executive UPP compensation for 2018 based upon comparable pay for similar jobs at identified peer and other companies and for any executives who change responsibilities or positions during 2018.

At the end of 2018, in connection with the determination of the amount of the total UPP award pool available to the executive officers, the Chief Executive Officer will assess the other executives' individual performance against pre-established goals and expectations and recommend to the Compensation Committee the amounts of the individual payouts from the portion of the total UPP award pool allocated to the executive officers. Based on the Chief Executive Officer's assessment, the Compensation Committee will determine the UPP payouts to the executive officers for 2018 in early 2019. The Compensation Committee will review the CEO's performance against his individual financial, organizational, and strategic objectives and determine his payout for 2018 in early 2019. The UPP payouts, if any, to the CEO and other executive officers for 2018 will be disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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.

EASTMAN
CHEMICAL
COMPANY

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Secretary

Date: December 12, 2017