

MTS SYSTEMS CORP
Form 8-K
March 13, 2018

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): March 12, 2018

MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MINNESOTA (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	000-02382 (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	41-0908057 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)
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14000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55344
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(952) 937-4000
(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.

Item 2.05 Costs associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On March 13, 2018, MTS Systems Corporation (the "Company") announced workforce reductions and manufacturing facility closures in the Company's Test segment corresponding to the transfer of production operations in China to a contract manufacturing partner. These changes are designed to increase organizational effectiveness, gain manufacturing efficiencies and provide cost savings that can be reinvested in growth initiatives. This action will impact two Test China manufacturing facilities with no changes anticipated in the United States or European operations from this transfer.

The Company estimates that it will incur a total of approximately \$3.2 to \$5.2 million of pre-tax restructuring expenses related to this action, of which approximately \$3.0 to \$5.0 million will require a cash outlay. Of the total amount, approximately \$3.0 to \$5.0 million is estimated for pre-tax severance and related expenses and approximately \$0.2 million is estimated for pre-tax manufacturing facility closure costs. The Company anticipates this restructuring action to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2018 with the majority of cash paid in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018.

Forward-looking Statements

This Form 8-K contains "forward-looking statements" made pursuant to the safe harbor provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions, that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results and those presently anticipated or projected. Statements made using words such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "intends," "projects," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "targets," "anticipates," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about anticipating timing and expenses for the restructuring and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are based on the Company's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those described in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's most recent Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and updated in any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other filings with the SEC. The reports referenced above are available on the Company's website at www.mts.com or on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which statements are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or circumstances.

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.

MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: March 12, 2018 By: /s/ Brian T. Ross

Brian T. Ross

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer