

Seagate Technology plc
Form 8-K
October 08, 2014

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): **October 8, 2014**

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-31560
(Commission File Number)

98-0648577
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

38/39 Fitzwilliam Square

N/A

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Dublin 2, Ireland
(Address of principal executive office)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(353) (1) 234-3136**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 8, 2014, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled that the arbitration award in favor of Seagate in the company's case against Western Digital for the misappropriation of Seagate trade secrets should be confirmed.

In the arbitration award, issued on January 23, 2012, the arbitrator determined that Western Digital and its former employee had misappropriated Seagate trade secrets. The arbitrator awarded Seagate \$525,000,000 in compensatory damages and, after adding interest, issued a final award of \$630,431,501. The award continues to accrue interest at 10%, and as of October 8, 2014, the total award with interest is approximately \$800,000,000.

SIGNATURE

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.

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

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| By: | /s/ KENNETH M. MASSARONI |
| Name: | Kenneth M. Massaroni |
| Title: | Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer |

Date: October 8, 2014