

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form 8-K
October 24, 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: October 24, 2018
(Date of earliest event reported)

Lithia Motors, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OR
(State
93-0572810
or
001-14733
other
(Commission File Number)
jurisdiction
of
incorporation)

(IRS
Employer
Identification
Number)

150
N.
Bartlett
St,
Medford,
OR
(Address
97501
(Zip Code)

of
principal
executive
offices)
541-776-6401
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

Not Applicable
(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 box 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 24, 2018 Lithia Motors, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the third quarter of 2018. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1

Item 8.01. Other Events

On October 24, 2018, Lithia Motors, Inc. announced a \$0.29 per share cash dividend, to be paid on November 23, 2018 to shareholders of record as of November 9, 2018.

The Company also announced that the Board authorized the repurchase of up to \$250 million of the Company's common stock under its share repurchase program in addition to the previously authorized amount.

The information furnished in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Lithia Motors, Inc. dated October 24, 2018

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.

Dated: October 24, 2018 LITHIA MOTORS, INC.

By: /s/ John F. North III

John F. North III

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

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