

LEGGETT & PLATT INC
Form 8-K
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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) November 16, 2017

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-07845
(Commission

File Number)

44-0324630
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

No. 1 Leggett Road,

Carthage, MO
(Address of principal executive offices)

64836
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 417-358-8131

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 16, 2017, Leggett & Platt, Incorporated (the Company) issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.50% Senior Notes due 2027 (the Notes) pursuant to an underwriting agreement with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the Underwriters). The Underwriting Agreement was attached to our Current Report on Form 8-K, which was filed November 15, 2017 and incorporated by reference into Registration Statement (SEC No. 333-203064). The Notes were issued under a Senior Indenture, dated as of May 6, 2005, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee (the Indenture). The Notes will rank equally with all of the Company's other unsecured and unsubordinated debt.

The Notes will mature on November 15, 2027 unless earlier redeemed. They were issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The Notes will bear interest at a rate of 3.50% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing on May 15, 2018. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, and begin accruing from November 16, 2017.

On or after August 15, 2027 (three months prior to the maturity date of the Notes (the Par Call Date)), we may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, on at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, prior notice mailed to each holder of the Notes to be redeemed, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date.

Prior to the Par Call Date, we may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed; and

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon that would be due if the Notes to be redeemed matured on the Par Call Date (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption), discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Adjusted Treasury Rate (as defined in the Form of Note attached hereto as Exhibit 4.3), plus 20 basis points; in each case, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes to, but excluding, the redemption date.

If we experience a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in the Form of Note), we will be required, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the Notes (as described above), to offer to repurchase the Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of repurchase.

The Company expects net proceeds (before expenses) of \$493,455,000. We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes for general corporate purposes, which will include the repayment or refinancing of existing indebtedness, including repayment of our commercial paper indebtedness incurred for general corporate purposes and may include \$150 million aggregate principal amount of 4.40% Notes due July 1, 2018 at maturity. Before we use the net proceeds for these purposes, we may invest them in short term investments.

The Indenture includes covenants that limit the ability of the Company and its majority owned subsidiaries to, among other things: incur secured debt in excess of 15% of the Company's consolidated assets, enter into sale and lease-back

transactions and consolidate, merge or transfer substantially all of the Company's assets to another entity. The covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications set forth in the Indenture.

The Underwriters and/or their affiliates have provided and in the future may provide investment banking, commercial banking, corporate trust and/or advisory services to the Company and its affiliates from time to time for which they have received and in the future may receive customary fees and expenses and may have entered into and in the future may enter into other transactions with the Company. U.S. Bank National Association, the successor Trustee under the Indenture, is an affiliate of U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., an underwriter.

The foregoing is only a summary of certain terms and conditions of the Indenture and the Form of Note and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Indenture and the Company Officer's Certificate pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Indenture with Form of Note, which are incorporated herein by reference as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.3, respectively. This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or foreign country in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or foreign country. This Current Report is also being filed for the purpose of filing exhibits to the Registration Statement (SEC No. 333-203064) relating to the offering of the Notes, and Exhibits 4.3 and 5.1 are hereby incorporated into the Registration Statement by reference.

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

The information contained in Item 1.01 hereof, including exhibits, is incorporated into this item.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated November 14, 2017, among J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as Representatives of the several Underwriters named therein, and Leggett & Platt, Incorporated, filed November 15, 2017, as Exhibit 1.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, is incorporated herein by reference. (SEC File No. 001-07845)</u>
4.1	<u>Senior Indenture dated May 6, 2005 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (successor in interest to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, NA which was successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.), as Trustee, filed May 10, 2005 as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, is incorporated by reference. (SEC File No. 001-07845)</u>
4.2	<u>Tri-Party Agreement under the May 6, 2005 Senior Indenture, between the Company, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, NA (successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.) (as Prior Trustee) and U.S. Bank National Association (as Successor Trustee), dated February 20, 2009, filed February 25, 2009 as Exhibit 4.3.1 to the Company's Form 10-K, is incorporated by reference. (SEC File No. 001-07845)</u>
4.3*	<u>Company Officers' Certificate pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Senior Indenture with Form of 3.50% Senior Notes due 2027</u>
5.1*	<u>Opinion of Scott S. Douglas, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Scott S. Douglas, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)</u>

* Filed with this Form 8-K

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.

LEGGETT & PLATT, INCORPORATED

Date: November 16, 2017

By: */s/* SCOTT S. DOUGLAS
Scott S. Douglas
Senior Vice President

General Counsel & Secretary