
**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): January 2, 2018

PARKER DRILLING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
**(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)**

1-07573
**(Commission
File Number)**

73-0618660
**(IRS Employer
Identification No.)**

5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77046
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 406-2000

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 (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))
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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 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On January 2, 2018, Parker Drilling Company (the “Company”) was notified by the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) that the average closing price of the Company’s common stock, \$0.16 ²/₃ par value per share (the “Common Stock”), over a prior 30 consecutive trading day period was below \$1.00 per share, which is the minimum average closing price per share required to maintain listing on the NYSE under Section 802.01C of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

As required by the NYSE, the Company has notified the NYSE of its intent to cure the deficiency and restore its compliance with the NYSE continued listing standards. In general, a listed company has a period of six months following the receipt of the notice to regain compliance. In order to regain compliance, on the last trading day in any calendar month during the cure period, the Common Stock must have (i) a closing price of at least \$1.00 per share and (ii) an average closing price of at least \$1.00 per share over the 30 trading day period ending on the last trading day of such month. If the method of cure requires stockholder approval, the price condition will be deemed cured if the price promptly exceeds \$1.00 per share, and the price remains above such level for at least the following 30 trading days. If the Company is unable to regain compliance, the NYSE will initiate procedures to suspend and delist the Common Stock.

The notice has no immediate impact on the listing of the Common Stock, which will continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE during this period, subject to the Company’s compliance with the other continued listing requirements of the NYSE. The Common Stock will continue to trade on the NYSE under the symbol “PKD” but will have an added designation of “.BC” to indicate the status of the Common Stock as “below compliance.”

If the Common Stock ultimately were to be delisted for any reason, it could negatively impact the Company as it would likely reduce the liquidity and market price of the Common Stock; reduce the number of investors willing to hold or acquire the Common Stock; and negatively impact the Company’s ability to access equity markets and obtain financing.

The NYSE notification does not affect Parker Drilling’s business operations or its Securities and Exchange Commission reporting requirements and does not result in a default under any of the Company’s material debt agreements.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 5, 2018, the Company issued a press release with respect to the receipt of the notice of noncompliance from the NYSE. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 and the exhibit hereto shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filings made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits.****Exhibit No.****Description**

99.1	Press release, dated January 5, 2018, issued by Parker Drilling Company.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Parker Drilling Company

Date: January 5, 2018

By: /s/ Michael W. Sumruld

Name: Michael W. Sumruld

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Parker Drilling Company Receives Continued Listing Standard Notice from NYSE

HOUSTON, Jan. 5, 2018 — Parker Drilling Company (NYSE: PKD) today announced that on January 2, 2018, Parker Drilling was notified by the New York Stock Exchange of its noncompliance with continued listing standards because the average closing price of its common stock over a prior 30 consecutive trading day period had fallen below \$1.00 per share, which is the minimum average closing price per share required to maintain listing on the NYSE.

In response to the letter, Gary G. Rich, Parker Drilling's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "The decline in oil prices that began in late 2014 has continued to cause pressure on energy capital markets, particularly for small-cap companies such as Parker Drilling. Our stock has traded below \$1.00 per share for a period of time long enough for the NYSE to issue a non-compliance notice. In response, the Company's Board of Directors is reviewing all available alternatives to return to compliance with the NYSE continued listing standards."

As required by the NYSE, the Company has notified the NYSE of its intent to cure the deficiency and restore its compliance with the NYSE continued listing standards. In general, a listed company has a period of six months following the receipt of the notice to regain compliance. In order to regain compliance, on the last trading day in any calendar month during the cure period, the Company's common stock must have (i) a closing price of at least \$1.00 per share and (ii) an average closing price of at least \$1.00 per share over the 30 trading day period ending on the last trading day of such month. During this period, subject to Parker Drilling's compliance with other NYSE continued listing requirements, Parker Drilling's common stock will continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol "PKD" but will have an added designation of ".BC" to indicate the status of the common stock as below compliance. This indicator will be removed once Parker Drilling is deemed compliant with the NYSE's listing standards.

The NYSE notification does not affect Parker Drilling's business operations or its Securities and Exchange Commission reporting requirements and does not result in a default under any of the Company's material debt agreements.

Cautionary Statement

This press release contains certain statements that may be deemed to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements in this press release other than statements of historical facts addressing activities, events or developments the Company expects, projects, believes, or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about our ability to meet the continued listing standards of the NYSE and similar matters. These statements are based on certain assumptions made by the Company based on management's experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, anticipated future developments and other factors believed to be appropriate. Although the Company believes its expectations stated in this press release are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those implied or expressed by the forward-looking statements. These include risks relating to changes in worldwide economic and business conditions, fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices, compliance with existing laws and changes in laws or government regulations, the failure to realize the benefits of, and other risks relating to, acquisitions, the risk of cost overruns, our ability to refinance our debt and other important factors, many of which could adversely affect market conditions, demand for our services, and costs, and all or any one of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. For more information, see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual

Report filed on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission and other public filings and press releases. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this press release and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Company Description

Parker Drilling provides drilling services and rental tools to the energy industry. The Company's Drilling Services business serves operators in the inland waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico utilizing Parker Drilling's barge rig fleet and in select U.S. and international markets and harsh-environment regions utilizing Parker-owned and customer-owned equipment. The Company's Rental Tools Services business supplies premium equipment and well services to operators on land and offshore in the U.S. and international markets. More information about Parker Drilling can be found on the Company's website at www.parkerdrilling.com.

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