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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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 29, 2019

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**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**001-7573**  
(Commission  
File Number)

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

**5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77046**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)  
**(281) 406-2000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Address if Changed Since Last Report)

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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).

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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.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 29, 2019, Parker Drilling Company (“*Parker*”) issued a press release announcing that Parker received approval for its common stock to be listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange (“*NYSE*”). The common stock will begin trading on the NYSE on or around April 3, 2019 under the symbol “PKD,” which is the same trading symbol used for the Company’s common stock when it previously was listed on 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 Parker 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**

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Form 8-K:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press Release, dated March 29, 2019

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## 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.

Date: March 29, 2019 **PARKER DRILLING COMPANY**

By: /s/ Jennifer F. Simons

Jennifer F. Simons  
Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

## **PARKER ANNOUNCES APPROVAL FOR LISTING ON THE NYSE**

**Houston, Texas (March 29, 2019)** — Parker Drilling Company (“Parker” or the “Company”) today announced that its common stock has been approved for listing on the NYSE. Parker expects that the common stock will begin trading on NYSE on or around April 3, 2019. The trading symbol for the common stock is “PKD,” which is the same trading symbol used for the Company’s common stock when it was listed previously on the NYSE.

“The relisting of our new common stock on the NYSE is another important step in our overall restructuring and efforts to deliver future value to our common stockholders,” said Gary Rich, President and Chief Executive Officer. “We believe the NYSE relisting will result in an expanded institutional and retail shareholder base and increased capital markets exposure.

“With our strengthened capital structure and the firm commitment of our board of directors, employees, and service providers, we look forward to delivering value to all of our stakeholders,” Rich concluded.

### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ON FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This press release contains certain statements that may be deemed “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 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. 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.

### **About Parker Drilling**

Parker Drilling provides drilling services and rental tools to the energy industry. The Company’s Drilling Services business serves operators through the use of Parker-owned and customer-owned rig fleets in select U.S. and international markets, specializing in remote and harsh environment regions. The Company’s Rental Tools Services business supplies premium equipment and well services to operators on land and offshore in the U.S. and

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international markets. More information about Parker Drilling can be found on the Company's website at [www.parkerdrilling.com](http://www.parkerdrilling.com).

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