KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC Form 8-K April 28, 2016

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): April 28, 2016 (April 28, 2016)

KEY ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other Jurisdiction

001-08038 (Commission

04-2648081 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)
1301 McKinney Street, Suite 1800

Identification No.)

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Houston, Texas 77010

(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

713-651-4300

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed, Key Energy Services, Inc. (Key or the Company) has been cooperating with investigations by the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission into possible violations by Key of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).

Key has been informed by the Department of Justice that the Department has closed its investigation and that it has decided to decline prosecution of the Company.

In addition, Key has been engaged in negotiations with the staff of the Division of Enforcement of the SEC in an effort to reach a resolution of the staff s investigation related to these same matters. Key has reached an agreement in principle with the staff on the terms of a proposed offer of settlement, which must be presented to the Commission for approval. While there is no assurance that the offer of settlement will be accepted by the Commission, Key is optimistic that the proposed resolution will become final in the second quarter of 2016. In connection with the offer of settlement, Key has accrued a liability in the amount of \$5 million.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements as to matters that are not of historic fact are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on Key s current expectations, estimates and projections about Key, its industry, its management s beliefs and certain assumptions made by management, and include statements the proposed settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. No assurance can be given that such expectations, estimates or projections will prove to have been correct. Whenever possible, these forward-looking statements are identified by words such as expects, believes, anticipates and similar phrases.

Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict, including, but not limited to: ; risks relating to compliance with the FCPA and anti-corruption laws, including risks related to increased costs in connection with FCPA investigations; risks regarding the timing or conclusion of the FCPA investigations, including the risk of fines or penalties imposed by government agencies for violations of the FCPA; and the risk that the Securities and Exchange Commission will not approve the proposed settlement. ..Because such statements involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside of Key s control, Key s actual results and performance may differ materially from the results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Other important risk factors that may affect Key s business, results of operations and financial position are discussed in its most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, recent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, recent Current Reports on Form 8-K and in other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Unless otherwise required by law, Key also disclaims any obligation to update its view of any such risks or uncertainties or to announce publicly the result of any revisions to the forward-looking statements made here. However, readers should review carefully reports and documents that Key files periodically with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release of Key Energy Services, Inc. issued April 28, 2016.

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.

Date: April 28, 2016

KEY ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ J. Marshal Dodson J. Marshall Dodson

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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