

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 8-K
May 19, 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):

May 18, 2016

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13461

76-0506313

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

800 Gessner, Suite 500, Houston, Texas

77024

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

713-647-5700

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

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The 2016 Annual Meeting of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. (the Company) was held on May 18, 2016. At the Annual Meeting, the stockholders voted on the following three proposals and cast their votes as set forth below.

Proposal 1

The eight director nominees named in the Company's proxy statement were elected as directors to serve until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, based upon the following votes:

| Nominee | For | Withheld |
|--------------------|------------|----------|
| John L. Adams | 18,712,657 | 342,749 |
| Doyle L. Arnold | 19,044,741 | 10,665 |
| Earl J. Hesterberg | 19,043,689 | 11,717 |
| Lincoln Pereira | 19,031,839 | 23,567 |
| Stephen D. Quinn | 19,010,776 | 44,630 |
| J. Terry Strange | 19,041,850 | 13,556 |
| Max P. Watson, Jr. | 19,005,985 | 49,421 |
| MaryAnn Wright | 19,048,015 | 7,391 |

Proposal 2

The approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers was approved based upon the following votes:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 18,504,856 | 544,591 | 5,959 | 1,936,044 |

Proposal 3

The proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2016 was approved based upon the following votes:

| For | Against | Abstain |
|------------|---------|---------|
| 20,898,104 | 91,963 | 1,383 |

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 18, 2016, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.23 per share payable on June 15, 2016, to stockholders of record on June 1, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. dated as of May 18, 2016.

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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.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

May 19, 2016

By: */s/ Darryl M. Burman*

Name: Darryl M. Burman

Title: Vice President

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. dated as of May 18, 2016 |