

CABOT MICROELECTRONICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2016  
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):

November 16, 2016

Cabot Microelectronics Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware    000-30205    36-4324765  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification)

870 Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois    60504  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(630) 375-6631  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 16, 2016, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Cabot Microelectronics Corporation (the "Corporation") and the Compensation Committee of the Board approved the performance goals for the Corporation, upon which cash bonus awards that may be paid to the Corporation's executive officers and other employees under the Corporation's Short Term Incentive Program ("STIP"), which operates pursuant to the Cabot Microelectronics Corporation 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan ("OIP"), for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 ("Fiscal 2017"), are intended to be based. The performance goals for Fiscal 2017 are financial goals that include revenue, gross profit, expressed as a percentage of revenue, and operating income, expressed as a percentage of revenue. Any cash bonus award amounts pursuant to the STIP and OIP will be determined for each participant based on levels of attainment of the indicated goals by the Corporation, as well as the attainment of individual performance objectives, as assessed by the Compensation Committee of the Board using its discretion. Such assessment may include consideration of macroeconomic and other factors, whether or not able to be generally foreseen, that may impact the Corporation's performance during Fiscal 2017.

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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.

CABOT MICROELECTRONICS CORPORATION  
[Registrant]

Date: November 17, 2016 By: /s/ WILLIAM S. JOHNSON  
William S. Johnson  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
[Principal Financial Officer]