FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Form 8-K

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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): October 29, 2018

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-35504 61-1488595 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.) 920 Memorial City Way, Suite 1000

Houston, Texas 77024

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 949-2500

(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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).

Emerging growth company o

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. o

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 29, 2018, Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.1 to this report contains "non-GAAP financial measures" as defined in Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The non-GAAP financial measures reflect earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expense ("EBITDA"), adjusted EBITDA, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, adjusted net income per diluted share ("Adjusted Diluted EPS"), book to bill ratio and free cash flow, before acquisitions ("free cash flow"). A reconciliation of EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, Adjusted Diluted EPS, book to bill ratio and free cash flow to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States ("GAAP") is included as an attachment to the press release. The Company believes the presentation of EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, Adjusted Diluted EPS, book to bill ratio and free cash flow is useful to the Company's investors because (i) EBITDA is an appropriate measure of evaluating the Company's operating performance and liquidity that reflects the resources available for strategic opportunities including, among others, investing in the business, strengthening the balance sheet, repurchasing the Company's securities and making strategic acquisitions and (ii) each of adjusted EBITDA, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, Adjusted Diluted EPS, book to bill ratio and free cash flow is useful to investors to assess and understand operating performance, especially when comparing those results with previous and subsequent periods or forecasting performance for future periods, primarily because management views the excluded items to be outside of the Company's normal operating results. In addition, EBITDA is a widely used benchmark in the investment community.

The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the Company's financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No. Exhibit Title or Description

99.1 Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. Press Release dated October 29, 2018.

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.

FORUM ENERGY

Date: October 29, 2018 TECHNOLOGIES,

/s/ John C. Ivascu John C. Ivascu Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary

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