

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

May 13, 2015
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

1-31720
(Commission File Number)

30-0168701
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 1000
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

55402
(Zip Code)

(612) 303-6000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

As described in Item 5.07 below, at the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders of Piper Jaffray Companies (the “Company”), the Company’s shareholders approved an amendment to the Company’s Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “Incentive Plan”). On February 26, 2015, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that it approve an amendment to the Incentive Plan to increase the aggregate number of shares of common stock reserved and available for issuance pursuant to awards granted under the Incentive Plan from 7,000,000 to 8,200,000, and to extend the term of the Incentive Plan from May 2023 to May 2025. On March 7, 2015, the Board of Directors approved the amendment, subject to shareholder approval at the 2015 annual meeting. The effective date of the amended Incentive Plan is May 13, 2015.

Additional details of the Incentive Plan are included in the 2015 proxy statement, under the heading “Item 4 - Approval of the Amendment of the Piper Jaffray Companies Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan.” The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Incentive Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Company’s 2015 annual meeting of shareholders was held on May 13, 2015. The holders of 14,732,870 shares (a) of common stock, 90.26 percent of the outstanding shares entitled to vote as of the record date, were represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

(b) At the annual meeting, Andrew S. Duff, William R. Fitzgerald, B. Kristine Johnson, Addison L. Piper, Lisa K. Polsky, Philip E. Soran, Scott C. Taylor and Michele Volpi were elected as directors to serve a one-year term expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2016. The following table shows the vote totals for each of these individuals:

| Name | Votes For | Authority Withheld |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Andrew S. Duff | 12,779,342 | 496,500 |
| William R. Fitzgerald | 13,096,288 | 179,554 |
| B. Kristine Johnson | 13,082,256 | 193,586 |
| Addison L. Piper | 13,095,582 | 180,260 |
| Lisa K. Polsky | 13,148,681 | 127,161 |
| Philip E. Soran | 13,156,306 | 119,536 |
| Scott C. Taylor | 13,066,810 | 209,032 |
| Michele Volpi | 13,107,835 | 168,007 |

Broker non-votes for each director totaled 1,457,028.

At the annual meeting, our shareholders also approved the proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditor for 2015. The following table indicates the specific voting results for this proposal:

| Proposal | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions |
|--|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditor for 2015. | 14,550,618 | 97,300 | 84,952 |

At the annual meeting, our shareholders also cast an advisory vote to approve the compensation of officers disclosed in the proxy statement, or a “say-on-pay” vote. The following table indicates the specific voting results for this proposal:

| Proposal | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions |
|--|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Advisory resolution approving the compensation of the officers disclosed in the proxy statement, or a “say-on-pay” vote. | 12,827,995 | 315,355 | 132,492 |

Broker non-votes for this proposal totaled 1,457,028.

At the annual meeting, our shareholders also approved the amendment to the Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan and the performance goals and related provisions under the Incentive Plan for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The following table indicates the specific voting results for this proposal:

| Proposal | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Approve the 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan. | 8,316,834 | 4,855,334 | 103,674 |

Broker non-votes for this proposal totaled 1,457,028.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 13, 2015, the Compensation Committee amended the Company’s Non-Employee Director Compensation Program (the “Director Compensation Program”) to increase the annual equity grant for each director under the Director Compensation Program as of the date of the Company’s 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, from \$60,000 to \$70,000. The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Director Compensation Program, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
|------|---|
| 10.1 | Piper Jaffray Companies Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan |
| 10.2 | Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation Program |

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.

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

Date: May 14, 2015

By /s/ John W. Geelan
John W. Geelan
General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| No. | Description | Manner of Filing |
|------|---|----------------------|
| 10.1 | Piper Jaffray Companies Amended and Restated 2003 Annual and Long-Term Incentive Plan | Filed Electronically |
| 10.2 | Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation Program | Filed Electronically |