

MSCI Inc.
Form 8-K
August 13, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): August 13, 2015

MSCI Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

001-33812
(Commission

13-4038723
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich St., 49th Floor, New York, NY 10007

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 804-3900

(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))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 13, 2015 (the Closing Date), MSCI Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing the completion of its previously announced private offering of \$800 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.750% Senior Notes due 2025 (the Notes). The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering of the Notes for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, previously announced buybacks of its common stock.

In connection with the issuance of the Notes, the Company entered into an Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date (the Indenture), among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the Trustee). The terms of the Indenture provide that, among other things, the Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company and the subsidiary guarantors and will rank equally with any of the Company's unsecured, unsubordinated debt, senior to any of the Company's subordinated debt, and will effectively be subordinated to any of the Company's secured debt to the extent of the assets securing such debt. The Company's obligations under the Notes are fully and unconditionally, and jointly and severally, guaranteed by the subsidiary guarantors.

Interest on the Notes accrues at a rate of 5.750% per annum. Interest on the Notes is payable semiannually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2016. The Company will make each interest payment to holders of record of the Notes on the immediately preceding February 1 and August 1.

Optional Redemption. At any time prior to August 15, 2020, the Company may redeem all or part of the Notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice at a redemption price equal to the sum of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus (ii) a make-whole premium as of the date of redemption, plus (iii) accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, thereon, to the date of redemption. In addition, the Company may redeem all or part of the Notes on or after August 15, 2020, at redemption prices set forth in the Indenture, together with accrued and unpaid interest. At any time prior to August 15, 2018, the Company may use the proceeds of certain equity offerings to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, including any permitted additional Notes, at a redemption price equal to 105.750% of the principal amount.

Repurchase upon Change of Control. Upon the occurrence of a change of control triggering event (as defined in the Indenture), each holder of the Notes may require the Company to repurchase all or part of the Notes in cash at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the date of repurchase.

Other Covenants. The Indenture contains covenants that limit the Company's and certain of its subsidiaries' ability to, among other things, create liens, enter into sale/leaseback transactions and consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of the Company's assets. In addition, the Indenture restricts the Company's non-guarantor subsidiaries' ability to create, assume, incur or guarantee additional indebtedness without such non-guarantor subsidiaries guaranteeing the Notes on a pari passu basis.

Events of Default. The Indenture provides for customary events of default (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), which include non-payment, breach of covenants in the Indenture, payment defaults or acceleration of other indebtedness, a failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. Generally, if an event of default occurs, the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest, if any, including additional interest, if any, on all the Notes to be due and payable immediately.

The foregoing description of the Indenture and the Notes is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Indenture, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1, and the Notes, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information in Item 1.01 of this Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On an adjusted basis giving effect to the issuance of the Notes, the Company expects annual interest expense, including the amortization of financing fees, to increase by approximately \$47 million (assuming no borrowings are made under the Company's revolving credit facility and no adjustment to the applicable rate).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| Exhibit 4.1 | Indenture, dated as of August 13, 2015, among MSCI Inc., each of the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee |
| Exhibit 4.2 | Form of Note for MSCI Inc. 5.750% Senior Notes due August 15, 2025 (included in Exhibit 4.1) |

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events or to future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as may, could, expect, intend, plan, seek, anticipate, believe, estimate, predict, potential, or continue, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond the Company's control and that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 27, 2015, as amended, and in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed or furnished with the SEC. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what the Company projected. Any forward-looking statement in this report reflects the Company's current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to the Company's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. The Company assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MSCI Inc.

Date: August 13, 2015

By: /s/ Robert Qutub
Name: Robert Qutub
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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