

CATERPILLAR 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): February 17, 2017

CATERPILLAR INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified
in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-768
(Country Code)
37-0692744
(IRS Employer Identification No.)
File Number)

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NE
Adams
Street,
Peoria,
Illinois 61629
(Zip Code)
(Address
of
principal
executive
offices)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code: (309) 675-1000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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:

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

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Caterpillar Inc. (“Caterpillar”, “we” or “our”) is furnishing supplemental information concerning (i) retail sales of machines to end users and (ii) retail sales of power systems (including reciprocating and turbine engines and locomotives) to end users and Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEMs”). Caterpillar sells the majority of its machinery and power systems to independently owned and operated dealers and OEMs to meet the demands of their customers, the end users. Caterpillar believes that this supplemental information may help readers better understand Caterpillar’s business and the industries it serves, particularly in light of the time delay between Caterpillar’s sales to dealers and dealers’ sales to end users.

In this report we are providing information by geographic region for retail sales of machines in each of our Resource Industries and Construction Industries reportable segments, as well as information regarding total retail sales of our machines globally. For our Energy & Transportation reportable segment, we are providing retail sales information by major end use.

The information presented in this report is primarily based on unaudited reports that are voluntarily provided to Caterpillar by its independent dealers and which are not subject to Caterpillar’s internal controls over financial reporting. Accordingly, the data collected from such third parties may not be accurate and/or complete. As such, the information presented in this report is intended solely to convey an approximate indication of the trends, direction and magnitude of retail sales and is not intended to be an estimate, approximation or prediction of, or substitute for, Caterpillar’s audited financial statements filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. This information is furnished under this report with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Caterpillar does not undertake to update or adjust prior period information.

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Rolling 3 Month Retail Sales Statistics

Retail Sales of Machines by geographic region for the 3-month rolling period ended as of the month indicated compared with the same period of the prior year:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Machines | January 2017 | December 2016 | November 2016 |
| Asia/Pacific | UP 26% | UP 19% | UP 11% |
| EAME | DOWN 13% | DOWN 21% | DOWN 25% |
| Latin America | DOWN 29% | DOWN 34% | DOWN 32% |
| North America | DOWN 13% | DOWN 14% | DOWN 19% |
| World | DOWN 8% | DOWN 12% | DOWN 17% |
| Resources Industries | January 2017 | December 2016 | November 2016 |
| Asia/Pacific | UP 26% | UP 11% | UP 7% |
| EAME | UP 4% | DOWN 18% | DOWN 30% |
| Latin America | DOWN 44% | DOWN 42% | DOWN 37% |
| North America | DOWN 14% | DOWN 4% | DOWN 28% |
| World | DOWN 7% | DOWN 10% | DOWN 24% |
| Construction Industries | January 2017 | December 2016 | November 2016 |
| Asia/Pacific | UP 27% | UP 21% | UP 11% |
| EAME | DOWN 18% | DOWN 22% | DOWN 24% |
| Latin America | DOWN 21% | DOWN 30% | DOWN 30% |
| North America | DOWN 13% | DOWN 16% | DOWN 17% |
| World | DOWN 8% | DOWN 12% | DOWN 15% |

Reported in constant dollars and based on unit sales as reported primarily by dealers.

Energy & Transportation Retail Sales by industry for the 3-month rolling period ended as of the month indicated compared with the same period of the prior year:

| | January 2017 | December 2016 | November 2016 |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Power Gen | DOWN 15% | DOWN 26% | DOWN 31% |
| Industrial | DOWN 7% | DOWN 17% | DOWN 24% |
| Transportation | DOWN 15% | DOWN 20% | DOWN 32% |
| Oil & Gas | DOWN 8% | DOWN 20% | DOWN 17% |
| Total | DOWN 11% | DOWN 22% | DOWN 25% |

Reported in constant dollars based on reporting from dealers and direct sales.

Caterpillar's actual results may differ materially from those described or implied in our forward-looking statements based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to: (i) global and regional economic conditions and economic conditions in the industries we serve; (ii) commodity price changes, material price increases, fluctuations in demand for our products or significant shortages of material; (iii) government monetary or fiscal policies; (iv) political and economic risks, commercial instability and events beyond our control in the countries in which we operate; (v) our ability to develop, produce and market quality products that meet our customers' needs; (vi) the impact of the highly competitive environment in which we operate on our sales and pricing; (vii) information technology security threats and computer crime; (viii) additional restructuring costs or a failure to realize anticipated savings or benefits from past or future cost reduction actions; (ix) failure to realize all of the anticipated benefits from initiatives to increase our productivity, efficiency and cash flow and to reduce costs; (x) inventory management decisions and sourcing practices of our dealers and our OEM customers; (xi) a failure to realize, or a delay in realizing, all of the anticipated benefits of our acquisitions, joint ventures or divestitures; (xii) union disputes or other employee relations issues; (xiii) adverse effects of unexpected events including natural disasters; (xiv) disruptions or volatility in global financial markets limiting our sources of liquidity or the liquidity of our customers, dealers and suppliers; (xv) failure to maintain our credit ratings and potential resulting increases to our cost of borrowing and adverse effects on our cost of funds, liquidity, competitive position and access to capital markets; (xvi) our Financial Products segment's risks associated with the financial services industry; (xvii) changes in interest rates or market liquidity conditions; (xviii) an increase in delinquencies, repossessions or net losses of Cat Financial's customers; (xix) currency fluctuations; (xx) our or Cat Financial's compliance with financial and other restrictive covenants in debt agreements; (xxi) increased pension plan funding obligations; (xxii) alleged or actual violations of trade or anti-corruption laws and regulations; (xxiii) international trade policies and their impact on demand for our products and our competitive position; (xxiv) additional tax expense or exposure; (xxv) significant legal proceedings, claims, lawsuits or government investigations; (xxvi) new regulations or changes in financial services regulations; (xxvii) compliance with environmental laws and regulations; and (xxviii) other factors described in more detail in Caterpillar's Forms 10-Q, 10-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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.

CATERPILLAR INC.

February 17, 2017 By: /s/ James B. Buda
James B. Buda
Executive Vice President, Law and Public Policy