

BELDEN INC.
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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

Commission File No. 001-12561

Belden Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 36-3601505
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)
1 North Brentwood Boulevard
15th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63105
(Address of principal executive offices)

(314) 854-8000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area
code)

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

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

See Item 3.03 below.

Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders

On December 9, 2016, Belden Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), entered into an amendment (“Amendment No. 3”) to the Company’s existing Rights Agreement dated as of December 11, 1996, and as amended on November 15, 2004, and December 8, 2006 (the “Rights Agreement”), between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, successor to Computershare Trust Company, N.A., and prior to that The First National Bank of Boston (the “Rights Agent”).

Amendment No. 3 extends the expiration date of the Rights Agreement for an additional three years to December 10, 2019, and, because it would be coextensive with the new expiration date, eliminates the Three Year Independent Director Evaluation (“TIDE”) provision previously contained in the Rights Agreement.

In addition, Amendment No. 3 reestablishes the Purchase Price per one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock at \$325.00, subject to adjustment.

A copy of Amendment No. 3, Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report, is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of Amendment No. 3 is qualified in its entirety by reference to Amendment No. 3.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

Exhibit 4.1 Amendment No. 3 to Rights Agreement, dated as of December 9, 2016 (incorporated by reference from the Company’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2016).

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.

BELDEN INC.

Date: December 9, 2016 By: /s/ Brian E. Anderson
Brian E. Anderson
Senior Vice President-Legal, General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

Amendment No. 3 to Rights Agreement, dated as of December 9, 2016 (incorporated by reference from the 4.1 Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2016)