CATERPILLAR INC

Form 8-K

January 26, 2017

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): January 26, 2017

CATERPILLAR INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified

in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

1-768

(Compression)

File(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Number)

100

NE

Adams

Street,

Peoria 61.629

Illinois (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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to o Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement o communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 26, 2017, Caterpillar Inc. ("Caterpillar") issued a press release reporting its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Item 2.02 by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished in accordance with the provisions of General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

The following is furnished as an exhibit to this report:

99.1 Caterpillar Inc. press release dated January 26, 2017.

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.

January 26, 2017 By:/s/James B. Buda
James B. Buda
Executive Vice President, Law and Public Policy

EXHIBIT INDEX Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Caterpillar Inc. press release dated January 26, 2017.