

IMMERSION CORP
Form 8-K
December 27, 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): December 26, 2017

IMMERSION CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

000-27969
Commission

File Number

94-3180138
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

50 Rio Robles, San Jose, CA
(Address of principal executive
offices)

95134
(Zip Code)

(408) 467-1900

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

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

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 Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement 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))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financing accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

The information set forth under Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders of this Current Report on Form 8-K with respect to the entry into a Rights Agreement (as described below) is incorporated into this Item 1.01 by reference.

ITEM 3.03. MATERIAL MODIFICATION TO RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

On December 26, 2017, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Immersion Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), declared a dividend of one right (a Right) for each of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Common Stock). The dividend will be paid to the stockholders of record at the close of business on January 8, 2018 (the Record Date). Each Right entitles the holder, subject to the terms of the Rights Agreement (as defined below), to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of the Company's Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock (the Preferred Stock) at a price of \$30.00 (the Exercise Price), subject to certain adjustments. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in the Rights Agreement dated as of December 27, 2017 (the Rights Agreement) between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. as Rights Agent (the Rights Agent).

The Rights will not be exercisable until the close of business of the earlier to occur of the date that is (i) the 10th day following a public announcement or disclosure or good faith determination by the Board that a person or a group of affiliated or associated persons has become an Acquiring Person, which is defined as a person or group of affiliated or associated persons who, at any time after the date of the Rights Agreement, have acquired, or obtained the right to acquire, beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock, subject to certain exceptions, and (ii) the 10th business day (or a later date as may be determined by action of the Board before a person or group becomes an Acquiring Person) following the first public announcement of an intention to commence, or following the commencement of, a tender offer or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in a person or group becoming an Acquiring Person (the earlier of such dates being called the Distribution Date). Any existing stockholder or group that beneficially owns 10% or more of the Common Stock will be grandfathered at its current ownership level, but the Rights will become exercisable if at any time after the announcement of the Rights Agreement such stockholder or group increases its ownership of the Common Stock by 0.5% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than pursuant to a dividend or distribution paid or made by the Company in Common Stock or a split or subdivision of the outstanding Common Stock). Certain synthetic interests in securities created by derivative positions, whether or not such interests are considered to be ownership of the underlying Common Stock or are reportable for purposes of Regulation 13D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are treated as beneficial ownership of the number of shares of Common Stock equivalent to the economic exposure created by the derivative position, to the extent actual shares of the Common Stock are directly or indirectly held by counterparties to the derivatives contracts.

With respect to certificates representing shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Record Date, until the close of business on the earliest of the Distribution Date, the Redemption Date (as defined below) and the Final Expiration Date (as defined below), the Rights will be evidenced by such certificates for shares of Common Stock registered in the names of the holders thereof, and not by separate Rights Certificates, as described further below. With respect to book entry shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Record Date, until the close of business on the earliest of the Distribution Date, the Redemption Date and the Final Expiration Date, the Rights will be evidenced by the balances indicated in the book entry account system of the transfer agent for the Common Stock. Until the earlier of the Distribution Date, the Redemption Date and the Final Expiration Date, the surrender for transfer of any shares of Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date will also constitute the surrender for transfer of the Rights associated with such shares of Common Stock, and Rights (and the right to receive certificates therefor) will be transferrable only in connection with the transfer of shares of Common Stock. After the Distribution Date, separate certificates representing the Rights or book entry statements will be mailed to record holders of Common Stock on the

Distribution Date, and such separate certificates or book entry statements alone will evidence the Rights.

The Rights, which are not exercisable until the Distribution Date, will expire at the earliest to occur of (i) the close of business on December 26, 2018 (the Final Expiration Date); (ii) the time at which the Rights are redeemed as provided in the Rights Agreement (the Redemption Date); (iii) the time at which the Rights are exchanged pursuant to the Rights Agreement; and (iv) the time at which the Rights are terminated upon the closing of any merger or other acquisition transaction involving the Company pursuant to a merger or other acquisition agreement that has been approved by the Board prior to any person becoming an Acquiring Person (the earliest of (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) is referred to as the Expiration Date).

Each share of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared, a preferential per share quarterly dividend payment equal to 1,000 times the aggregate per share amount of all cash dividends declared per share of Common Stock, and 1,000 times the aggregate per share amount (payable in kind) of all non-cash dividends or other distributions declared per share of Common Stock. Each share of Preferred Stock will entitle the holder thereof to 1,000 votes on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Company. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which shares of Common Stock are converted or exchanged, each share of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive 1,000 times the amount received per share of Common Stock. The Preferred Stock has been structured so that each share of Preferred Stock has dividend, liquidation and voting rights equal to those of 1,000 shares of Common Stock. Accordingly, the value of one-one thousandth interest in a share of Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of each Right approximates the value of one share of Common Stock.

The Exercise Price payable, and the number of shares of Preferred Stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights are subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution. The number of Rights and the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock issuable upon exercise of each Right are also subject to adjustment upon certain events occurring before the Distribution Date.

In the event that any person or a group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person after the date of the Rights Agreement, each holder of a Right, other than Rights beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person (and the affiliates, associates and certain transferees of such Acquiring Person) (which rights will thereafter be null and void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise and payment of the Exercise Price that number of shares of Common Stock (or other equivalent securities) having a market value equal to two times the Exercise Price.

In the event that any person or a group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person and the Company merges into or engages in certain other business combinations with any person or a group of affiliated or associated persons, or 50% or more of the Company's consolidated assets or earning power are sold to any person or a group of affiliated or associated persons, each holder of a Right, other than Rights owned by an Acquiring Person (and the affiliates, associates and certain transferees of such Acquiring Person), will thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise and payment of the exercise price, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company having a market value at the time of that transaction equal to two times the Exercise Price.

At any time after any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to such person or group acquiring a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, the Board, at its option, may exchange each Right (other than Rights owned by the Acquiring Person) in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of Common Stock, or one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (or other equivalent securities), per outstanding Right (subject to adjustment). With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Exercise Price will be required unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% in the Exercise Price. No fractional shares of Preferred Stock will be issued (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock, which may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts) and, in lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Preferred Stock on the last trading day prior to the date of exercise.

At any time before any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, the Board may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.001 per Right (subject to certain adjustments, the Redemption Price) and on such terms and conditions as the Board may establish. After the period for redemption of the Rights has expired, the Board may not amend the Rights Agreement to extend the period for redemption of the Rights.

Immediately upon the action of the Board electing to redeem or exchange the Rights, the Company shall give public notice thereof, and upon such election, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

Until a Right is exercised or exchanged, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

The Company may amend or supplement the Rights Agreement without the approval of any holders of Rights in order to cure any ambiguity, to correct inconsistent provisions, or to make any changes to any provision of the Rights Agreement (or adopt any other provisions with respect to the Rights) that the Company deems necessary or advisable. However, from and after such time as any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, the Rights Agreement shall not be amended or supplemented in any manner that would adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights (other than an Acquiring Person and its affiliates and associates). For the avoidance of doubt, the Company shall be entitled to adopt and implement such procedures and arrangements (including with third parties) as it may deem necessary or desirable to facilitate the exercise, exchange, trading, issuance or distribution of the Rights (and shares of Preferred Stock) as contemplated hereby and to ensure that an Acquiring Person does not obtain the benefits thereof, and amendments in respect of the foregoing shall not be deemed to adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights.

The Rights Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the Rights Agreement herein does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit 4.1.

ITEM 5.03. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

In connection with the adoption of the Rights Agreement, the Board approved a Certificate of Designations of Series B Participating Preferred Stock (the Certificate of Designations). The Certificate of Designations is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. See the description in Item 3.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K for a more complete description of the rights and preferences of the Preferred Stock. The Certificate of Designations are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and are incorporated herein by reference. The description of the Certificate of Designations herein does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by Exhibit 3.1.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 27, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the adoption of the Rights Agreement and the declaration of the dividend of the Rights. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

- 3.1 Certificate of Designations of Series B Participating Preferred Stock of Immersion Corporation
- 4.1 Rights Agreement, dated as of December 27, 2017, between Immersion Corporation as the Company, and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. as Rights Agent
- 99.1 Press Release of Immersion Corporation, dated December 27, 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.

IMMERSION CORPORATION

Date: December 27, 2017

By: /s/ Amie Peters
Name: Amie Peters
Title: General Counsel