

DSP GROUP INC /DE/
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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): March 15, 2018

DSP GROUP, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-35256
(Commission File Number)

94-2683643
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5 Shenkar Street, Herzelia **4672505 Israel**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

972-9-952-9696

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

On March 15, 2018, the Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of DSP Group, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a 2018 Performance-Based Bonus Plan applicable for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company (individually, a “Plan” and collectively, the “Plans”). Each of the Plans is effective as of January 1, 2018.

The following is a description of the Plans provided pursuant to Paragraph 10(iii) to Item 601 of Regulation S-K, which requires a written description of a compensatory plan when there is no formal document containing the compensation information.

Pursuant to the Plans, the payment of bonuses is based upon the Company’s achievement of four separate components, three of which are based on business objectives and one is at the discretion of the Committee. Each component has a specified weighting and such weighting differs among the Plans; provided that the discretionary component is weighted 20% in each of the Plans. No bonus would be payable based on the achievement of the business objective components if the Company’s 2018 earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”), excluding any restricting and non-recurring charges to be determined by the Committee, are less than a specified amount set forth in the Plans as determined by the Committee; provided the discretionary component remains at the Committee’s discretion.

The cap for the bonus payout under the Plan for the Chief Financial Officer is 1.0x of his annual base salary and the cap for the Chief Executive Officer under the Plan is 2.0x of his annual base salary.

Other than under the circumstances whereby there is a change of control transaction involving the Company, or termination of employment under specified circumstances as set forth in the employment agreement, payment of bonuses (if any) under the Plans is to be made in the following year. Any such bonuses would be paid in cash in a single lump sum, subject to payroll taxes and tax withholdings.

In the event of termination of employment of the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer during 2018 by (i) either one of them (X) after complying with the advance notice provision in his respective employment agreement, or (Y) for good reason (as defined in his respective employment agreement), or (ii) the Company without cause (as defined in his respective employment agreement), the bonus under their respective Plan would be determined on the following basis: (a) all numbers under the “Target” column of the Plan would be reduced by a percentage equal to the percent of the year remaining after the date of termination of employment, (b) all non-numerical requirements under

the “Target” column of the Plan would remain unchanged, (c) the 1.0 and 2.0 multiplier under the “Target” column of the Plan would be multiplied by their respective annual base salary for the part of the year prior to the date of termination of employment, and (d) the maximum bonus payable under the discretionary bonus component would be 40% and 24% of the annual base salary of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, for the part of the year prior to the date of termination of employment.

The following is a more detailed description of the Plans as applicable to the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Chief Executive Officer

Weight	Objective	Target	Payout
Specified Weighting	Revenues	0 if actual revenue is less than or equal to 90% of the agreed amount based on the Company’s 2018 budget approved by the Board (the “Revenue Target”) 1.0 if actual revenue is equal to 100% of the Revenue Target 2.0 if actual revenue is equal to or greater than 110% of the Revenue Target	Payout is linear between points
Specified Weighting	Non-cordless Revenues	0 if non-cordless revenues is less than an agreed amount determined by the Committee 1.0 if non-cordless revenues is equal to an agreed amount determined by the Committee 2.0 if non-cordless revenues is equal to or greater than an agreed amount determined by the Committee	Payout is linear between points
Specified Weighting	EBITDA (excluding restricting and other non-recurring charges)	0 if EBITDA is less than an agreed amount determined by the Committee 1.0 if EBITDA is equal to or greater than an agreed amount determined by the Committee 2.0 if EBITDA is equal to or greater than an agreed amount determined by the Committee	Payout is linear between points
20%	Committee Discretion	Committee will apply its discretion based primarily on its evaluation of how management has performed in positioning the Company for future success and stockholder value enhancement. The maximum total discretionary bonus is 40% of annual salary.	Payable at the sole discretion of the Committee

Chief Financial Officer

Weight	Objective	Target	Payout
Specified Weighting	Revenues	0 if actual revenue is less than or equal to 90% of the Revenue Target 0.6 if actual revenue is equal to 100% of the Revenue Target 1.2 if actual revenue is equal to or greater than 110% of the Revenue Target	Payout is linear between points
Specified Weighting	Non-cordless Revenues	0 if non-cordless revenues is less than an agreed amount determined by the Committee 0.6 if non-cordless revenues is equal to an agreed amount determined by the Committee 1.2 if non-cordless revenues is equal to or greater than an agreed amount determined by the Committee	Payout is linear between points.
Specified Weighting	EBITDA (excluding restricting and other non-recurring charges)	0 if EBITDA is less than an agreed amount determined by the Committee 0.6 if EBITDA is equal to or greater than an agreed amount determined by the Committee 1.2 if EBITDA is equal to or greater than an agreed amount determined by the Committee	Payout is linear between points
20%	Committee Discretion	Committee will apply its discretion based primarily on its evaluation of how management has performed in positioning the Company for future success and stockholder value enhancement. The maximum total discretionary bonus is 24% of annual salary.	Payable at the sole discretion of the Committee

Due to their strategic significance, the Company believes that the disclosure of the 2018 Revenue Target, minimum revenue thresholds for non-cordless revenues and EBITDA targets would cause future competitive harm to the Company and therefore are not disclosed. In addition, the Company believes the disclosure of the weightings that apply to the three business objective components within each Plan would cause future competitive harm since the weightings indicate the priority the Company places on its business initiatives and therefore are not disclosed.

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.

DSP GROUP, INC.

Date: March 16, 2018

By: /s/ Dror Levy
Dror Levy
Chief Financial Officer
and Secretary