

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 12, 2017

**HIGHPOWER INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-34098 20-4062622  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Building A1, Luoshan Industrial Zone, Shanxia, Pinghu, Longgang, Shenzhen, Guangdong, 518111, China  
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (86) 755-89686238

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(c) On February 12, 2017, Highpower International, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Sunny Pan as its Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Pan previously served as the Interim Chief Financial Officer since August 2016, which was reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2016.

Sunny Pan, age 40, previously served as the Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Company since August, 2016. Mr. Pan joined the Company in January 2015 as its Finance Controller. Since January 2016, Mr. Pan has been General Manager of Huizhou Highpower Technology Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Pan has over 20 years' experience in finance and IT management positions with several multi-national companies. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Pan held positions with subsidiaries of Philips in China. From December 2013 to December 2014, Mr. Pan was Finance Controller and a director at Philips Luminaire Manufacturing (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. and Finance Controller, managing director and legal representative at Philips Luminaire Manufacturing (Ningbo) Co., Ltd. and, from January 2011 to December 2013 he was Finance Controller at Philips Domestic Appliance & Personal Care Co., Ltd., Zhuhai. He has ACCA (UK) and CICPA (China) qualifications, and has extensive experience in OX IFRS/China GAAP/US GAAP and holds a Bachelor and MBA from New York Institution of Technology.

There is no family relationship between Mr. Pan and any director, executive officer, or person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or executive officer. Mr. Sunny Pan is of no relation to George Pan, the Company’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Pan and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Pan was elected as Interim Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Company. There are no transactions in which Mr. Pan has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

On February 12, 2017, Sunny Pan was also granted 15,000 options with an exercise price of \$2.20 per share vesting one-third on each anniversary date of the grant beginning February 12, 2018.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On February 15, 2017, the Company issued a press release. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information reported under Item 7.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 15, 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.

Dated: February 15, 2017

**Highpower International, Inc.**

/s/ George Pan

By: George Pan

Its: Chief Executive Officer

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**Highpower International Appointment of Mr. Sunny Pan as Chief Financial Officer**  
**Mr. Pan Has Served as Interim CFO since August 2016**

SAN FRANCISCO, USA and SHENZHEN, CHINA—February 15, 2017 - Highpower International, Inc. (NASDAQ: HPJ), a developer, manufacturer, and marketer of lithium and nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH) rechargeable batteries, battery management systems, and a provider of battery recycling, announced today that it has appointed Mr. Sunny Pan as the Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO"), effective February 12, 2017. Mr. Pan has served as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer since August 2016.

Mr. Sunny Pan has over 20 years' experience in Finance & IT management positions in several multi-national companies, and has worked with Highpower since January 2015 as Financial Controller and has served as General Manager of Huizhou Highpower Technology Co. Ltd. since January 2016. Prior to his position at Highpower, Mr. Sunny Pan served as Financial Controller for Philips Luminaire Manufacturing (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. He has ACCA (UK) and CICPA (China) qualifications, and has extensive experience in OX IFRS / China GAAP / US GAAP. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Shanxi Financial and Economical Institution and MBA from New York Institution of Technology (NYIT). Mr. Sunny Pan has no relation to Chairman George Pan at Highpower.

Mr. George Pan, Highpower's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased to officially appoint Sunny as CFO. He has handled the role exceptionally since his appointment as Interim CFO last year, which provided Highpower with a seamless executive management transition. Sunny's intimate knowledge of our operations and strong financial acumen are a valuable resource for the Company. He has continued to build out a strong financial and accounting team and we will rely on his professional leadership to guide Highpower while we expand and grow our market position as a leading battery manufacturer."

Mr. Sunny Pan stated, "It is incredibly rewarding to work with a company that has not only been successful, but also has the potential for significant growth for many years to come. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve Highpower's customers, employees, and shareholders."

**About Highpower International, Inc.**

Highpower International was founded in 2001 and produces high-quality Nickel-Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) and lithium-based rechargeable batteries used in a wide range of applications such as electric buses, bikes, energy storage systems, power tools, medical equipment, digital and electronic devices, personal care products, and lighting, etc. Highpower's target customers are Fortune 500 companies and top 20 companies in each vertical segment. With advanced manufacturing facilities located in Shenzhen, Huizhou, and Ganzhou of China, Highpower is committed to clean technology, not only in the products it makes, but also in the processes of production. The majority of Highpower International's products are distributed to worldwide markets mainly in the United States, Europe, China and Southeast Asia.

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**Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe-harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that are not historical facts. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believe," "expect," "may," "will," "should," "project," "plan," "seek," "intend," or "anticipate" or the negative thereof or comparable terminology. . Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by such statements., i For a discussion of risks and uncertainties see "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Company's public filings with the SEC. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. The Company has no obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this press release.

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