

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): July 19, 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):

- 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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.

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On July 19, 2017, Highpower International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing preliminary unaudited financial results for the second quarter 2017. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and the information therein is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The information under Item 2.02 above is incorporated herein by reference.

*The information reported under Items 2.02 and 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 July 19, 2017. |

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**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: July 20, 2017

**Highpower International, Inc.**

/s/ Sunny Pan

By: Sunny Pan

Its: Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## Highpower International Announces Preliminary Unaudited Second Quarter 2017 Results

SAN DIEGO and SHENZHEN, China, July 19, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Highpower International, Inc. (NASDAQ: HPJ) ("Highpower" or the "Company"), a developer, manufacturer, and marketer of lithium ion and nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH) rechargeable batteries, battery management systems, and a provider of battery recycling, today announced preliminary second quarter 2017 results.

**Net sales** is estimated to be in the range of \$50.0 to \$52.0 million, a 36% to 42% increase from \$36.7 million in the same quarter of 2016. First half 2017 net sales are estimated to be in the range of \$92.0 to \$94.0 million, a 39% to 43% increase from \$65.8 million in the same time period last year.

Second quarter 2017 **gross profit** is estimated to be in the range of \$11.0 to \$12.0 million, a 44% to 58% increase from \$7.6 million in the second quarter of 2016. Total first half 2017 gross profit is estimated to be in the \$21 to \$22 million range, compared to \$13.5 million in the first half of 2016, a 55% to 63% increase.

**Net income** is estimated to be in the \$3.5 to \$4.1 million range, a 66% to 95% increase from \$2.1 million in the same quarter of 2016. First half 2017 net income is estimated to be in the \$6.0 to \$6.6 million range, a 250% to 288% increase from \$1.7 million in the same period of 2016.

Mr. George Pan, Highpower Chairman and CEO, stated, "We are very pleased to have continued our growth momentum from the first quarter of 2017 to deliver solid top-line and bottom-line preliminary results for the second quarter of 2017. Driven by market demand for energy storage systems, smart devices, and other high end digital products, our lithium ion batteries and battery solutions businesses continued to accelerate. Our net income also increased at a rapid pace fueled by economies of scale and efficiency improvements. We are also pleased with our progress in making strategic investments in critical business areas and developing partnerships with leading industry names. We remain optimistic about the remaining quarters of 2017 and look forward to providing additional updates when we report audited second quarter results in August."

The results are preliminary and unaudited, have not been reviewed by external auditors and are subject to completion and, as such, may be revised as a result of management's further review of the Company's results; that there can be no assurance that the Company's final results for the period will not differ from these estimates; that any changes could be material; the Company may identify items that may require it to make material adjustments to the preliminary financial information; and other developments that may arise between now and the time the financial results are finalized.

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**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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