

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):

June 12, 2017

HIGHPOWER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34098
(Commission File Number)

20-4062622
(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.

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

On June 12, 2017, Leo (Xing Qun) Liao, 38, was appointed as Chief Technology Officer of Highpower International, Inc. (the "Company"), effective immediately. Since 2003, Mr. Liao has served as an engineer, R&D Manager, Chief Engineer and Deputy General Manager of Shenzhen Highpower, and most recently, he served as the Head of the Company's Research institute and Shenzhen Highpower's General Manager. Mr. Liao received his Master and BA degrees in Central South University.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Liao and any other person pursuant to which he was appointed CTO and there are no family relationships between Mr. Liao and any executive officer or director of the Company. There have been no transactions between Mr Liao and the Company required to be reported pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 15, 2017, the Company issued a press release, which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and the information therein is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished under this Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "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 made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

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99.1	Press Release dated June 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: June 16, 2017

Highpower International, Inc.

/s/ Sunny Pan

By: Sunny Pan

Its: Chief Financial Officer

Highpower International Announces Management Changes

Leo Liao to succeed Wen Liang Li as Chief Technology Officer

SAN DIEGO and SHENZHEN, China, June 15, 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 that on June 12, 2017, the position of Wen Liang Li was changed from Vice President and Chief Technology Officer to Senior New Energy Scientist, and the position of Wen Wei Ma was changed from Vice President of Manufacturing to Senior Manufacturing Equipment Specialist. Leo (Xing Qun) Liao was appointed as Chief Technology Officer of Highpower, effective immediately. Mr. Liao has served as an engineer, R&D Manager, Chief Engineer and Deputy General Manager of Shenzhen Highpower since he joined Highpower in 2003, and most recently, he served as the Head of the Company's Research institute and Shenzhen Highpower's General Manager. Mr. Liao received his Master and BA degrees in Central South University.

Mr. George Pan, Chairman and CEO of Highpower International, commented, "We welcome Leo as our new Chief Technology Officer. We are confident that his professionalism and deep expertise in the industry will fuel the growth and development of Highpower. On behalf of Highpower, we thank Wen Liang Li and Wen Wei Ma for their services and accomplishments in the past decade, and we believe that they will continue to contribute to Highpower's future growth in their new positions as specialists. In the past sixteen years, Highpower has built a respectable reputation in the industry and recruited and trained many young leaders with solid experience and industry expertise. With the success of our growth strategy implementation, we are seeing increased demand for our products from brand clients in different applications. Senior talent are critical for us in order to satisfy our large corporate customers and execute on our expansion plan with expertise in advanced technology and management philosophy. We believe Highpower will be able to grow faster with more inspirational innovative and capable leaders."

Following the change, Wen Liang Li and Wen Wei Ma will not take any management responsibilities. Wen Liang Li will remain as a member of the technology team and remain as a board member of the Company. He will work as a Senior New Energy Scientist to provide guidance and support on the technology front and participate in major R&D projects. In addition, Wen Wei Ma, who was mainly in charge of equipment department in the past, will serve as a Senior Manufacturing Equipment Specialist.

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.

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, including, without limitation, fluctuations in the cost of raw materials; our dependence on, or inability to attract additional, major customers for a significant portion of our net sales; our ability to increase manufacturing capabilities to satisfy orders from new customers; our ability to maintain increased margins; our dependence on the growth in demand for smart wearable devices and energy storage systems, and other digital products and the success of manufacturers of the end applications that use our battery products; our responsiveness to competitive market conditions; our ability to successfully manufacture our products in the time frame and amounts expected; the market acceptance of our battery solutions, including our lithium ion batteries; and our ability to continue R&D development to keep up with technological changes. For a discussion of these and other 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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