

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
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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): December 7, 2015**

**Commission File Number**

**001-34581**

**Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**

**20-0411521**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**incorporation or organization)**

**Identification No.)**

**15710 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 300**

**Houston, TX 77032**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**281-504-4700**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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:

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

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

As previously reported, on September 27, 2015, Kraton Polymers LLC (the Company ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. (KPPI and, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Kraton ), entered into a definitive agreement (the Stock Purchase Agreement ) with AZC Holding Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Arizona Chemical Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Arizona Chemical ). Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, the Company will acquire all of the outstanding capital stock of Arizona Chemical for a cash purchase price of \$1.37 billion (the Arizona Chemical Acquisition ).

Attached as Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference in this Item 7.01 is selected information contained in a confidential offering circular that the Company expects to provide to certain investors in a private offering of debt securities in connection with the consummation of the pending Arizona Chemical Acquisition. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the information contained in Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3, does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

On December 7, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the commencement of a private offering, with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Kraton Polymers Capital Corporation, of \$425 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2023 (the Notes ). Attached as Exhibit 99.4 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference in this Item 7.01 is the press release announcing the Notes offering.

Exhibits 99.1 and 99.4 and the information contained in this Item 7.01 contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include those relating to Kraton's business and Kraton's financing plans that are not historical in nature, including statements regarding the benefits, synergies and cost rationalizations of the proposed Arizona Chemical Acquisition, the expected method of financing the Arizona Chemical Acquisition, the expected timing and amount of operating cash flow we expect to generate after the closing of the Arizona Chemical Acquisition, future opportunities for the combined company and products, beliefs regarding strengthening relationships with customers, statements regarding market share or positioning, the expected timetable for completing the proposed Arizona Chemical Acquisition, the expected timing and amount of the repayment of indebtedness, future financial performance and any other statements regarding Kraton's future expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, financial conditions, assumptions or future events or performance that are not historical facts. No assurance can be given that actual future results will not differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K. Although Kraton believes that all such statements contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K are based on reasonable assumptions, these statements are not a guarantee of future performance and there are numerous variables of an unpredictable nature or outside of Kraton's control that could affect Kraton's future results and the value of its shares. Each investor must assess and bear the risk of uncertainty inherent in the forward-looking statements contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K. Please refer to KPPI's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for additional discussion of risks and uncertainties that may affect Kraton's actual future results. Kraton undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements contained herein.

Exhibit 99.1 includes financial measures of each of Kraton and Arizona Chemical that are not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ). Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information that enhances management's, investors' and potential investors' ability to evaluate each of Kraton's and Arizona Chemical's operating results and Kraton's ability to repay its obligations.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to be used in isolation and should not be considered a substitute for any other performance measure determined in accordance with GAAP. Investors and potential investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures as an analytical

tool, including that other companies may calculate similar non-GAAP financial measures differently than Kraton does, limiting their usefulness as a comparative tool. Kraton compensates for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from the non-GAAP financial measures. Kraton further compensates for the limitations of its use of non-GAAP financial measures by presenting comparable GAAP measures. Investors and potential investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures contained within Exhibit 99.1 with Kraton's and Arizona Chemical's GAAP financial measures.

Exhibits 99.1, 99.2, 99.3 and 99.4 and the information contained in this Item 7.01 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 under the Exchange Act.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| Exhibit 99.1       | Excerpts from confidential offering circular.  |
| Exhibit 99.2       | Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Arizona Chemical Holdings Corporation as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012.  |
| Exhibit 99.3       | Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Arizona Chemical Holdings Corporation as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.                   |
| Exhibit 99.4       | Press Release dated December 7, 2015 titled Kraton Polymers LLC and Kraton Polymers Capital Corporation Announce Commencement of Private Offering of \$425 Million in Aggregate Principal Amount of Senior Notes Due 2023. |

**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.

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.

Date: December 7, 2015

By: /s/ Stephen E. Tremblay  
Stephen E. Tremblay  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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