

MICROSTRATEGY INC
Form 8-K
March 26, 2013

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 21, 2013

MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-24435
(Commission

File Number)

51-0323571
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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1850 Towers Crescent Plaza

Tysons Corner, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

22182
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 848-8600

(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)
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- ☐ 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))

Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

The Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of MicroStrategy Incorporated (the "Company") has completed a competitive process to select the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. The Audit Committee invited several firms to participate in this process. As a result of this process, on March 21, 2013 the Audit Committee selected KPMG LLP ("KPMG") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, and dismissed Grant Thornton LLP ("Grant Thornton") from service as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Company formally engaged KPMG on March 26, 2013.

Grant Thornton's reports on the Company's financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles. Grant Thornton's audit reports on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 did not contain any adverse opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the subsequent interim period through March 21, 2013, there were (i) no disagreements (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) between the Company and Grant Thornton on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Grant Thornton, would have caused Grant Thornton to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in its reports on the Company's consolidated financial statements and (ii) no reportable events (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

The Company provided Grant Thornton with a copy of this Current Report on Form 8-K and requested that Grant Thornton furnish to the Company a letter addressed to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") stating whether or not Grant Thornton agrees with the above statements and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. A copy of Grant Thornton's letter to the SEC, dated March 25, 2013, is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the subsequent interim period through March 26, 2013, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, consulted KPMG regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements, and no written report or oral advice was provided to the Company by KPMG that KPMG concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue or (ii) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a reportable event (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
16.1	Letter from Grant Thornton LLP to the SEC, dated March 25, 2013, regarding the statements made in this Current Report on Form 8-K.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: March 26, 2013

MicroStrategy Incorporated
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Douglas K. Thede
Name: Douglas K. Thede
Title: Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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