

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form 8-K

November 19, 2018

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): November 19, 2018

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware                      001-15405      77-0518772  
(State or other jurisdiction   (Commission   (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number)   Identification No.)

5301 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA    95051  
(Address of principal executive offices)                      (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (408) 345-8886

(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:

- 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))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto is furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On November 19, 2018, Agilent Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”) issued its press release announcing financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2018. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

We provide non-GAAP financial information in order to provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our operational performance and to enhance our investors’ overall understanding of our core current financial performance and our prospects for the future. We believe that our investors benefit from seeing our results “through the eyes” of management in addition to the GAAP presentation. Management measures segment and enterprise performance using measures such as those that are disclosed in this release. This information facilitates management’s internal comparisons to the Company’s historical operating results and comparisons to competitors’ operating results. Non-GAAP information allows for greater transparency to supplemental information used by management in its financial and operations decision making. Historically, we have reported similar non-GAAP information to our investors and believe that the inclusion of comparative numbers provides consistency in our financial reporting.

This information is not in accordance with, or an alternative for, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. It excludes items, such as restructuring and amortization, that may have a material effect on the Company’s expenses and earnings per share calculated in accordance with GAAP. Management monitors these items to ensure that expenses are in line with expectations and that our GAAP results are correctly stated but does not use them to measure the ongoing operating performance of the Company. The non-GAAP information we provide may be different from the non-GAAP information provided by other companies.

Additional explanation of non-GAAP information is provided in Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

In its press release announcing financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2018 described in Item 2.02 above, the Company also announced that its Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program authorizing the purchase of up to \$1.75 billion of the Company’s common stock (the “2018 Share Repurchase Program”). The 2018 Share Repurchase Program will commence on November 21, 2018, replacing the previous program. The number of shares to be repurchased and the timing of any repurchases will depend on factors such as the share price, economic and market conditions, and corporate and regulatory requirements. The 2018 Share Repurchase Program has no expiration date and may be suspended, amended or discontinued at any time.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following is furnished as an exhibit to this report and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended:

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press release announcing

financial  
results for the  
fourth fiscal  
quarter ended  
October 31,  
2018

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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.

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ P. Diana Chiu

Name: P. Diana Chiu

Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel  
and Assistant Secretary

Date: November 19, 2018