

AXIALL CORP/DE/
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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): June 10, 2016

AXIALL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-09753
(Commission

File Number)

58-1563799
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 1200, Atlanta, GA

30328

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 395 - 4500

(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:

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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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the joint press release referenced below is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 10, 2016, Axiall Corporation (the Company) and Westlake Chemical Corporation (Westlake) published a joint press release announcing that they had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), dated June 10, 2016, by and among the Company, Westlake and Lagoon Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Westlake (Merger Sub), pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into the Company on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement (the Merger). Company stockholders will receive \$33.00 per share in cash. As a result of the Merger, the Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Westlake.

The internal email announcement to Company employees, the related employee FAQs and the sales and customer service FAQs used in connection with the announcement of the Merger are furnished as Exhibits 99.2, 99.3 and 99.4 respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated by reference herein.

Westlake has withdrawn its director nominations for the Company's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, which is scheduled to take place on June 17, 2016. Westlake has also agreed to take all actions necessary to terminate and/or withdraw its proxy materials.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Joint Press Release, dated June 10, 2016, issued by Axiall Corporation and Westlake Chemical Corporation |
| 99.2 | Email Announcement to Axiall Employees on June 10, 2016 |
| 99.3 | Employee FAQs used on June 10, 2016 |
| 99.4 | Sales and Customer FAQs used on June 10, 2016 |

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding Westlake Chemical Corporation's (Westlake) proposed transaction to acquire Axiall Corporation (Axiall) (including financing of the proposed transaction and the benefits, results, effects and timing thereof), all statements regarding Westlake's and Axiall's (and Westlake's and Axiall's combined) expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, dividends, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, capital expenditures, competitive positions, growth opportunities, plans and objectives of management, estimated synergies from the proposed transaction and statements containing the use of forward-looking words, such as may, will, could, would, should, project,

believe, anticipate, expect,

estimate, continue, potential, plan, forecast, approximate, intend, upside, and the like, or the use of future tense. Statements contained herein concerning the business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses, dividends or other financial items, and product or services line growth of Westlake and Axiall (and the combined businesses of Westlake and Axiall), together with other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that are estimates reflecting the best judgment of Westlake or Axiall based upon currently available information. Statements concerning current conditions may also be forward-looking if they imply a continuation of current conditions.

Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and stockholders and other potential investors must recognize that actual results may differ materially from Westlake's and/or Axiall's expectations as a result of a variety of factors, including, without limitation, those discussed below. Such forward-looking statements are based upon management's current expectations and include known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which Westlake and/or Axiall are unable to predict or control, that may cause Westlake's and/or Axiall's actual results, performance or plans to differ materially from any future results, performance or plans expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed below and detailed from time to time in Westlake's and/or Axiall's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Risks and uncertainties related to the proposed business combination transaction include, but are not limited to: (i) the ultimate outcome of the proposed transaction between Westlake and Axiall, (ii) the ultimate outcome and results of integrating the operations of Westlake and Axiall if a transaction is consummated, (iii) the ability to obtain regulatory approvals and meet other closing conditions to the proposed transaction, including any necessary stockholder approvals, (iv) potential adverse reactions or changes to business relationships resulting from the announcement, pendency or completion of the proposed transaction, (v) competitive responses to the announcement or completion of the proposed transaction, costs and difficulties related to the integration of Axiall's businesses and operations with Westlake's businesses and operations, (vi) the inability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, cost savings and synergies from the proposed transaction, (vii) uncertainties as to whether the completion of the proposed transaction will have the accretive effect on Westlake's earnings or cash flows that are expected, (viii) unexpected costs, liabilities, charges or expenses resulting from the proposed transaction, (ix) litigation relating to the proposed transaction, (x) the inability to retain key personnel, (xi) potential adverse effects on Westlake's ability to operate Westlake's business due to the increase in Westlake's overall debt level contemplated by the proposed transaction, (xii) potential diminished productivity due to the impact of the potential transaction on Westlake's and/or Axiall's current and prospective employees, key management, customers, suppliers and business partner and (xiii) any changes in general economic and/or industry-specific conditions.

In addition to the factors set forth above, other factors that may affect Westlake's and/or Axiall's plans, results or stock price are set forth in Westlake's and Axiall's respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K and reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K.

Many of these factors are beyond Westlake's and/or Axiall's control. Westlake and Axiall caution investors that any forward-looking statements made by Westlake and/or Axiall are not guarantees of future performance. Westlake and Axiall do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to publish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Additional Information and Where To Find It

With respect to the 2016 Axiall annual meeting of stockholders, Axiall has filed a definitive proxy statement and other documents regarding the 2016 Annual Meeting with the SEC and has mailed the definitive proxy statement and a WHITE proxy card to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the 2016 annual meeting. With respect to the proposed merger, Westlake expects Axiall to announce a special meeting of stockholders soon to obtain stockholder

approval in connection with the proposed merger between Westlake and Axiall. In connection with the special meeting, Westlake expects Axiall to file with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement and other relevant documents in connection with the proposed merger. INVESTORS OF AXIALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS, THE PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED MERGER AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THOSE DOCUMENTS CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and from Axiall at its website, www.axiall.com, or 1000 Abernathy Road NE, Suite 1200, Atlanta, GA 30328, Attention: General Counsel.

Participants in the Merger Solicitation

Axiall, Westlake and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed merger. Information regarding Axiall's directors and executive officers is available in Axiall's proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 12, 2016 in connection with its 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. Other information regarding persons who may be deemed participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the definitive proxy statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

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.

AXIALL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel S. Fishbein

Name: Daniel S. Fishbein

Title: Vice President & General Counsel

Date: June 10, 2016

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