

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
Form 8-K  
November 12, 2014

**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: **November 12, 2014**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**

(Registrant's telephone number)

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

IBM senior executives are meeting with investors at conferences this week, and are prepared to provide the following information, which is hereby filed:

- The company expects to end the year with a non-financing (core) debt level that is fairly consistent with year-end 2013, though the core debt-to-cap ratio will be up year to year. This expected year-end debt level would be approximately one billion dollars higher than the balance at the end of 2007, which is the year the company added debt to the capital structure of the non-financing business.

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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.

Date: November 12, 2014

By:

/s/ James J. Kavanaugh  
James J. Kavanaugh  
Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)