

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2017

**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 20, 2017**

**The Sherwin-Williams Company**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Ohio**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**101 West Prospect Avenue**

**1-04851**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**34-0526850**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**44115**

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**Cleveland, Ohio**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**  
**(216) 566-2000**

**(Zip Code)**

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

N/A

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

As previously disclosed, on March 19, 2016, The Sherwin-Williams Company ( Sherwin-Williams ) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement ) among Sherwin-Williams, Viking Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Sherwin-Williams ( Merger Sub ), and The Valspar Corporation ( Valspar ), pursuant to which, among other things and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of specified conditions, Merger Sub will merge with and into Valspar (the Merger ).

Under Section 7.1(b) of the Merger Agreement, the Merger Agreement would have otherwise expired if the Merger had not occurred on or prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 21, 2017 (the Original End Date ). On March 20, 2017, pursuant to Section 7.1(b) of the Merger Agreement, Sherwin-Williams and Valspar extended the Original End Date for a period of three months to June 21, 2017 (the First Extended End Date ).

The completion of the Merger remains subject to customary conditions, including, without limitation, the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended and the receipt of other required antitrust approvals. Subject to the satisfaction of these conditions, Sherwin-Williams expects to complete the Merger by the First Extended End Date.

**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.

**THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY**

March 21, 2017

By: /s/ Catherine M. Kilbane  
Catherine M. Kilbane  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary