

Ingersoll-Rand plc
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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): April 30, 2019

INGERSOLL-RAND PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland 001-34400 96-0626632
(Commission (I.R.S. Employer
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

+(353)(0) 18707400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 8.01 Other Events.

On April 30, 2019, Ingersoll-Rand plc ("Ingersoll Rand") and Gardner Denver Holdings, Inc. ("Gardner Denver") announced that they have entered into definitive agreements pursuant to which Ingersoll Rand will separate its Industrial segment businesses by way of spin-off to Ingersoll Rand's shareholders and then combine Ingersoll Rand's Industrial segment with Gardner Denver, creating a global leader in mission-critical flow creation and industrial technologies. A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Document

99.1 Joint Press Release of Ingersoll-Rand plc and Gardner Denver Holdings, Inc. dated April 30, 2019

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, Gardner Denver and Ingersoll Rand U.S. Holdco Inc. ("Ingersoll-Rand Industrial") will file registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") registering shares of Gardner Denver common stock and Ingersoll Rand Industrial common stock in connection with the proposed transaction. Gardner Denver will also file a proxy statement, which will be sent to the Gardner Denver shareholders in connection with their vote required in connection with the proposed transaction. If the transaction is effected in whole or in part via an exchange offer, Ingersoll Rand will also file with the SEC a Schedule TO with respect thereto. Ingersoll Rand shareholders are urged to read the prospectus and / or information statement that will be included in the registration statements and any other relevant documents when they become available, and Gardner Denver shareholders are urged to read the proxy statement and any other relevant documents when they become available, because they will contain important information about Gardner Denver, Ingersoll Rand Industrial and the proposed transaction. The proxy statement, prospectus and/or information statement and other documents relating to the proposed transaction (when they become available) can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The proxy statement, prospectus and/or information statement and other documents (when they are available) will also be available free of charge on Ingersoll Rand's website at <http://ir.ingersollrand.com/investors/> or on Gardner Denver's website at <https://investors.gardnerdenver.com/>.

No Offer or Solicitation

This Current Report on Form 8-K and its exhibits shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

This Current Report on Form 8-K and its exhibits is not a solicitation of a proxy from any security holder of Gardner Denver. However, Ingersoll Rand, Gardner Denver and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareholders of Gardner Denver in connection with the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Ingersoll Rand may be found in its Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 12, 2019 and its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on April 23, 2019.

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Information about the directors and executive officers of Gardner Denver may be found in its Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 27, 2019, and its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on March 26, 2019.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release includes “forward-looking statements” as that term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding the proposed transaction between Ingersoll Rand and Gardner Denver. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words “believe,” “project,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “outlook,” “target,” “endeavor,” “seek,” “predict,” “intend,” “strategy,” “plan,” “may,” “could,” “would,” “will be,” “will continue,” “will likely result,” or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. All statements, other than historical facts, including, but not limited to, statements regarding the expected timing and structure of the proposed transaction, the ability of the parties to complete the proposed transaction, the expected benefits of the proposed transaction, including future financial and operating results and strategic benefits, the tax consequences of the proposed transaction, and the combined company’s plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, legal, economic and regulatory conditions, and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing, are forward looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on Gardner Denver and Ingersoll Rand’s current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from Gardner Denver and Ingersoll Rand’s current expectations. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated or anticipated by such forward-looking statements. The inclusion of such statements should not be regarded as a representation that such plans, estimates or expectations will be achieved. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such plans, estimates or expectations include, among others, (1) that one or more closing conditions to the transaction, including certain regulatory approvals, may not be satisfied or waived, on a timely basis or otherwise, including that a governmental entity may prohibit, delay or refuse to grant approval for the consummation of the proposed transaction, may require conditions, limitations or restrictions in connection with such approvals or that the required approval by the stockholders of Gardner Denver may not be obtained; (2) the risk that the proposed transaction may not be completed on the terms or in the time frame expected by Ingersoll Rand or Gardner Denver, or at all, (3) unexpected costs, charges or expenses resulting from the proposed transaction, (4) uncertainty of the expected financial performance of the combined company following completion of the proposed transaction; (5) failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, including as a result of delay in completing the proposed transaction or integrating the businesses of Gardner Denver and Ingersoll Rand Industrial, or at all, (6) the ability of the combined company to implement its business strategy; (7) difficulties and delays in the combined company and ClimateCo achieving revenue and cost synergies; (8) inability of the combined company and ClimateCo to retain and hire key personnel; (9) the occurrence of any event that could give rise to termination of the proposed transaction; (10) the risk that stockholder litigation in connection with the proposed transaction or other settlements or investigations may affect the timing or occurrence of the proposed transaction or result in significant costs of defense, indemnification and liability, (11) evolving legal, regulatory and tax regimes; (12) changes in general economic and/or industry specific conditions; (13) actions by third parties, including government agencies; and (14) other risk factors detailed from time to time in Ingersoll Rand and Gardner Denver’s reports filed with the SEC, including Ingersoll Rand and Gardner Denver’s annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed with the SEC. The foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive.

Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K and its exhibits. Neither Ingersoll Rand nor Gardner Denver undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or development, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements.

Pro Forma Financial Information

Certain financial measures and other information have been adjusted for the proposed transaction between Gardner Denver and Ingersoll Rand and transactions related thereto and Ingersoll Rand's pending acquisition of Precision Flow Systems. When presenting such information, the amounts are identified as "Pro forma." The Pro forma financial measures are based on preliminary estimates, accounting judgments and currently available information and assumptions that management believes are reasonable. Accordingly, the Pro forma financial data is not necessarily indicative of IndustrialCo or ClimateCo's financial position or results of operations had the transactions described above for which we are giving Pro forma effect actually occurred on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

INGERSOLL-RAND
PUBLIC LIMITED

Date: April 30, 2019 COMPANY

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Evan M. Turtz

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Senior Vice
President and
General Counsel