Nielsen Holdings plc Form 8-K April 17, 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): April 13, 2017

NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales (State or other jurisdiction

001-35042 (Commission

98-1225347 (I.R.S. employer

of incorporation or organization)

file number)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 13, 2017, Nielsen Finance LLC (<u>Nielsen Finance</u>), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nielsen Holdings plc, entered into Amendment No. 3 (the <u>Amendment Agreement</u>) relating to its Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 22, 2014 (as amended prior to April 13, 2017, the <u>Existing Credit Agreement</u>), by and among Nielsen Finance, the other borrowers party thereto, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders and agents party thereto from time to time, and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent. The Existing Credit Agreement, as amended pursuant to the Amendment Agreement, is referred to herein as the <u>Amended Credit Agreement</u>.

Among other things, the Amended Credit Agreement provides for a new class of term loans (the <u>Class B-4 Term Loans</u>) in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,250,000,000, the proceeds of which were used to replace or refinance the entire outstanding principal of existing Class B-3 Term Loans and a portion of existing Class A Term Loans.

The Class B-4 Term Loans will mature in full on October 4, 2023, and are required to be repaid in equal quarterly installments in an aggregate annual amount equal to 1.00% of the original principal amount of the Class B-4 Term Loans, with the balance payable on October 4, 2023.

The Class B-4 Term Loans bear interest equal to, at the election of Nielsen Finance, (i) a base rate or LIBOR rate, plus (ii) an applicable margin, which is equal to 2.00% (in the case of LIBOR loans) or 1.00% (in the case of base rate loans).

The Amended Credit Agreement contains the same affirmative and negative covenants as those of the Existing Credit Agreement.

Certain of the lenders under the Amendment Agreement, or their affiliates, have provided, and may in the future from time to time provide, certain commercial and investment banking, financial advisory and other services in the ordinary course of business for the registrant and its affiliates, for which they have in the past and may in the future receive customary fees and commissions.

The foregoing descriptions of the Amendment Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Amendment Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 4.1 Amendment Agreement, dated as of April 13, 2017, by and among Nielsen Finance LLC, the other borrowers party thereto, the guarantors party thereto, Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and certain of the lenders.

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.

Date: April 17, 2017

NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC

By: /s/ Emily Epstein
Name: Emily Epstein
Title: Secretary

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