

Marathon Patent Group, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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): **January 27, 2017**

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36555
(Commission File Number)

01-0949984
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste.
380
Los Angeles, CA**
(Address of principal executive
offices)

90025
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(703) 232-1701**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 27, 2017, Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a sales agreement (the "Sales Agreement") with Northland Securities, Inc., as agent ("Northland"), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time through Northland, up to 750,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock.

Under the Sales Agreement, Northland may sell the Shares by any method permitted by law and deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on or through The NASDAQ Capital Market, on any other existing trading market for the common stock or to or through a market maker. In addition, under the Sales Agreement, Northland may sell the Shares by any other method permitted by law, including in negotiated transactions. The Company may instruct Northland not to sell Shares if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by the Company from time to time.

The Company is not obligated to make any sales of the Shares under the Sales Agreement. The offering of Shares pursuant to the Sales Agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (a) the sale of all of the Shares subject to the Sales Agreement or (b) the termination of the Sales Agreement by Northland or the Company, as permitted therein.

The Company will pay Northland a commission rate equal to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from each sale of Shares and has agreed to provide Northland with customary indemnification and contribution rights. The Company will also reimburse Northland for certain specified expenses in connection with entering into the Sales Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Sales Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The opinion of the Company's counsel regarding the validity of the Shares that will be issued pursuant to the Sales Agreement is also filed herewith as Exhibit 5.1.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the common stock discussed herein, nor shall there be any offer, solicitation, or sale of common stock in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 5.1 Opinion of Sichenzia Ross Ference Kesner LLP
- 10.1 Sales Agreement
- 23.1 Consent of Sichenzia Ross Ference Kesner LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

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: January 27, 2017

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Francis Knuettel II
Name: Francis Knuettel II
Title: Chief Financial Officer