

STONERIDGE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 2019

**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): February 27, 2019

**Commission file number: 001-13337**

**STONERIDGE, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Ohio**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**34-1598949**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

**39675 MacKenzie Drive, Suite 400, Novi, Michigan 48377**  
*(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)*

**(248) 489-9300**

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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

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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 27, 2019, Stoneridge, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its results for the fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2018. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. On February 28, 2019, members of the Company’s management will hold a fourth quarter 2018 earnings conference call to discuss the Company’s financial results and the presentation attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, accompanies management’s comments.

The press release and earnings conference call presentation contain certain non-GAAP financial measures Adjusted Gross Profit, Adjusted Operating Income, Adjusted Operating Margin, Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Stoneridge, Inc. (“Adjusted Net Income”), Adjusted Earnings per Diluted Share Attributable to Stoneridge Inc. (“Adjusted EPS”), Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (“Adjusted EBITDA”), Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization Margin (“Adjusted EBITDA Margin”), Adjusted Income Before Tax, and Adjusted Tax Rate. Management believes that the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures used in the press release and earnings conference call presentation are useful to both management and investors in their analysis of the Company’s financial position, results of operations and expected results of operations because the Adjusted Gross Profit, Adjusted Operating Income, Adjusted Operating Margin, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EPS, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, Adjusted Income Before Tax, and Adjusted Tax Rate non-GAAP financial measures facilitate a period to period comparison of operating results by excluding significant unusual, non-recurring items in 2018 and 2017. For 2018, these items relate to the after-tax and pre-tax step-up in fair value of the earn-out considerations related to the acquisitions of Orlaco and the remaining 26% minority interested in PST, after-tax, pre-tax business realignment costs, pre-tax allocation of centralized procurement and operations functions for each of our segments and the after-tax impact of the US Tax Cut and Jobs Act. For 2017, these items relate to the pre-tax step-up in fair value of the earn-out considerations related to the acquisitions of Orlaco and the remaining 26% minority interested in PST, the pre-tax transaction costs related to the acquisition of Orlaco, the pre-tax step-up in acquired Orlaco inventory, pre-tax business realignment costs, and the pre-tax property, plant and equipment gain on insurance proceeds. EBITDA represents the sum of net income, interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. These non-GAAP financial measures, however, should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most comparable GAAP financial measures. Investors are cautioned that non-GAAP financial measures used by the Company may not be comparable to non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Adjusted Gross Profit, Adjusted Operating Income, Adjusted Operating Margin, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EPS, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin, Adjusted Income Before Tax, and Adjusted Tax Rate should not be considered a substitute for Gross Profit, Operating Income, Operating Margin, Net Income, Earnings per Share, Income Before Tax, or Tax Rate prepared in accordance with GAAP.

**ITEM 7.01**

**Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The information set forth in Item 2.02 above is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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The information in this report, including the press release and earnings conference call presentation furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. In addition, the exhibits furnished herewith contain statements intended as “forward-looking statements” that are subject to the cautionary statements about forward-looking statements set forth in such exhibits.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated February 27, 2019, announcing results for the fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2018

99.2 Fourth quarter 2018 results earnings conference call presentation dated February 28, 2019

**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.

**Stoneridge, Inc.**

Date: February 27, 2019 /s/Robert R. Krakowiak

Robert R. Krakowiak, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(Principal Financial Officer)