

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

72-1123385

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

9320 Lakeside Blvd., Suite 100

77381

The Woodlands, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Newpark Resources, Inc.

2015 Employee Equity Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Mark J. Airola

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer

9320 Lakeside Blvd., Suite 100

The Woodlands, Texas 77381

(Name and address of agent for service)

(281) 362-6800

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Proposed Maximum Registration Fee |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 6,000,000 | \$8.91 | \$53,460,000 | \$6,213 |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the number of shares of common stock registered under this registration statement will automatically be increased to cover any additional shares of the registrant’s common stock that become issuable with respect to the securities registered hereunder by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, extraordinary dividend, combination of shares, mergers, consolidations, recapitalizations or other similar transactions.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the amount of the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) and (h)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and based upon the average of the high and low sales prices of the registrant’s common stock, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 19, 2015, which is within five days of the filing of this registration statement.

PART I
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with Rule 428 and the requirements of Part I of Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Such documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Part II, Item 3 hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. The Company shall maintain a file of such documents in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428(a)(2) of the Securities Act, and upon request, the Company shall furnish to the Commission or its staff a copy of any or all of the documents included in the file.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents previously filed by the Company with the SEC are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement, other than any portions of the respective documents that were furnished rather than filed (pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or other applicable SEC rules):

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015 (SEC File No. 001-2960);
- (b) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on May 1, 2015 (SEC File No. 001-2960);
- (c) The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on March 10, 2015 (SEC File No. 001-02960);
and

The description of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, contained in the Registration (d)Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on November 15, 1995, and any further amendment or report filed hereafter for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or other applicable SEC rules) subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document, which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “DGCL”) permits a corporation to, and the registrant’s Amended and Restated Bylaws (the “Bylaws”) require that it, indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

As permitted under Section 145 of the DGCL, the Bylaws also provide that the registrant shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. However, in such an action by or on behalf of a corporation, no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person is adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the corporation unless, and only to the extent that the court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

In addition, the indemnification provided by Section 145 of the DGCL shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. The indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors and administrators.

The registrant’s Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Certificate”) provides that the registrant shall indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, each of its officers, directors, employees and agents who was or is a party to, or is threatened to be made a party to, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the registrant. The Certificate also provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, no director of the registrant shall be liable to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of his fiduciary duty as a director.

The Certificate also provides that the registrant may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the registrant, or is serving at the request of the registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, regardless of whether the registrant is empowered to indemnify such person under the provisions of law. The registrant currently maintains such insurance for its directors, officers, employees and agents.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides that a certificate of incorporation may include a provision which eliminates or limits the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the company or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, relating to prohibited dividends or the unlawful purchase or redemption of stock, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

The Certificate and Bylaws (a) eliminate the personal liability of our directors and (b) provide for the indemnification of our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers, in addition to indemnification provided for in the Certificate and Bylaws, and intend to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and executive officers in the future.

In addition, we have purchased insurance pursuant to which our directors and officers are insured against liability which they may incur in their capacity as such.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

Exhibit
Number Description

4.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Newpark Resources, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-K405 for the year ended December 31, 1998 filed on March 31, 1999 (SEC File No. 001-02960).

4.2 Certificate of Designation of Series A Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock of Newpark Resources, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 27, 1999 (SEC File No. 001-02960).

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- 5.1* Opinion of Andrews Kurth LLP.
- 23.1* Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 23.2* Consent of Andrews Kurth LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).

24.1* Powers of Attorney (set forth on the signature page of this Registration Statement).

* Filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of the expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of The Woodlands, State of Texas, on May 22, 2015.

NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.

By: /s/ Paul L. Howes
Paul L. Howes
President and Chief Executive
Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Mark J. Airola and Paul L. Howes, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power to act with or without the others and with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to execute in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, any or all amendments (including pre-effective and post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any registration statement for the same offering filed pursuant to Rule 462 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform in the name of and on behalf of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, each and every act and thing necessary or desirable to be done in and about the premises, to all intents and purposes and as fully as they might or could do in person, hereby ratifying, approving and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
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|---|---|--------------|
| /s/ Paul L. Howes Paul L. Howes | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ Gregg S. Piontek Gregg S. Piontek | Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ Douglas L. White Douglas L. White | Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ David C. Anderson David C. Anderson | Chairman of the Board | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ Anthony J. Best Anthony J. Best | Director | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ G. Stephen Finley G. Stephen Finley | Director | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ Roderick A. Larson Roderick A. Larson | Director | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ James W. McFarland James W. McFarland, PhD | Director | May 22, 2015 |
| /s/ Gary L. Warren Gary L. Warren | Director | May 22, 2015 |

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