Gildan Activewear Inc. Form 6-K February 23, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: February 2017 Commission File Number: 1-14830

GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC. (Translation of Registrant's name into English)

600 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West 33rd Floor Montréal, Québec Canada H3A 3J2 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC.

Date: February 23, 2017 By: /s/ Lindsay Matthews

Name: Lindsay Matthews

Title: Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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