

IRIDEX CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 09, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 9, 2018

IRIDEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|                              |              |                     |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Delaware                     | 0-27598      | 77-0210467          |
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| of incorporation)            | File Number) | Identification No.) |

1212 Terra Bella Avenue

Mountain View, California 94043

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 940-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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.

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 9, 2018, IRIDEX Corporation (Iridex) announced that it filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California against Quantel Medical, S.A., Quantel USA, Inc., and Quantel, S.A (collectively, Quantel). The lawsuit alleges that Quantel products infringe U.S. Patent No. 7,771,417, that Quantel breached an earlier agreement between the parties, and that Quantel has infringed Iridex's MicroPulse® trademark, Registration No. 4550188 on the principal register.

Quantel previously had a limited license to the asserted Iridex patent and trademark. The complaint reflects that the license was terminated in early 2017 for material breach, but that Quantel continued to use Iridex's intellectual property without authorization. A copy of the Company's press release announcing such lawsuit dated January 9, 2018 is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description                                 |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | <u>Press Release dated January 9, 2018.</u> |

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.

IRIDEX CORPORATION

By: /s/ William M. Moore  
William M. Moore

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 9, 2018