

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 1, 2016, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated (“we” or the “Company”) issued a news release announcing that it has obtained the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) to commence a new normal course issuer bid (“NCIB”) beginning on March 3, 2016 and terminating March 2, 2017. The Company currently has in place an NCIB which will terminate on March 2, 2016. The new NCIB will allow the Company to continue using its share repurchase program to primarily neutralize share dilution from options, as all common shares of the Company purchased under the new NCIB will be cancelled.

Under the new NCIB, the Company may purchase up to the lesser of 5,360,763 common shares (such amount representing 5% of the 107,215,270 common shares of the Company issued and outstanding as of February 24, 2016) and that number of common shares worth an aggregate of US\$52.5 million. Purchases under the new NCIB may be made at the then current market price of the Company’s common shares through the facilities of the TSX, the New York Stock Exchange or alternative trading platforms in Canada or the United States by means of open market transactions or by such other means as may be permitted by the TSX and applicable Canadian and U.S. securities laws.

A copy of the news release containing further details is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | News release, dated March 1, 2016 issued by Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated |
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 1, 2016 Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

By: /s/ Darren Watt
 Darren Watt
 General Counsel & Corporate
 Secretary

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