

HARTE HANKS INC
Form 8-K
September 27, 2018

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

September 21, 2018
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

Harte Hanks, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware | 1-7120 | 74-1677284 |
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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San Antonio, Texas 78216
(210) 829-9000
(Address of principal executive offices and 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:

- 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.

Item 2.06 Material Impairments.

On September 21, 2018, the Board of Directors of Harte Hanks, Inc. (the “Company”) made a determination that it expects to record a non-cash impairment charge in the range of \$3.9 to \$4.2 million related to the Company's capitalized investment in certain internally developed software. The impairment charge follows completion of the Company's assessment that future cash flows, related to such software, are not expected to cover the carrying value of the investments made. The Company does not expect any future cash expenditures as a result of this impairment charge. The impairment charge will be reflected in the Company's financial statements for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018 and is expected to lower annual 2019 depreciation expense by approximately \$1.0 million.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 21, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a reduction in the Company's workforce for certain employees performing overhead functions. The Company expects to complete the reduction in headcount in the third quarter ended September 30, 2018 and expects these actions to result in a restructuring charge of approximately \$0.3 million for employee severance and related costs. The Company anticipates that this action will result in annualized cost savings of approximately \$3.0 million. In addition, the Company plans to reduce certain other non-labor discretionary expenses, by the beginning of 2019, which will reduce expenses by approximately \$2.0 million per year.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws. All such statements are qualified by this cautionary note, provided pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Statements other than historical facts are forward-looking and may be identified by words such as “may,” “will,” “expects,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “estimates,” “seeks,” “could,” “intends,” or words of similar meaning. These forward-looking statements are based on current information, expectations and estimates and involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that are difficult to predict and that could cause actual results to vary materially from what is expressed in or indicated by the forward-looking statements. In that event, our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity could be materially adversely affected and investors in our securities could lose part or all of their investments. These risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors include: (a) local, national and international economic and business conditions, including (i) market conditions that may adversely impact marketing expenditures and (ii) the impact of economic environments and competitive pressures on the financial condition, marketing expenditures and activities of our clients and prospects; (b) the demand for our products and services by clients and prospective clients, including (i) the willingness of existing clients to maintain or increase their spending on products and services that are or remain profitable for us, and (ii) our ability to predict changes in client needs and preferences; (c) economic and other business factors that impact the industry verticals we serve, including competition and consolidation of current and prospective clients, vendors and partners in these verticals; (d) our ability to manage and timely adjust our facilities, capacity, workforce and cost structure to effectively serve our clients; (e) our ability to improve our processes and to provide new products and services in a timely and cost-effective manner through development, license, partnership or acquisition; (f) our ability to protect our facilities against security breaches and other interruptions and to protect sensitive personal information of our clients and their customers; (g) our ability to respond to increasing concern, regulation and legal action over consumer privacy issues, including changing requirements for collection, processing and use of information; (h) the impact of privacy and other regulations, including restrictions on unsolicited marketing communications and other consumer protection laws; (i) fluctuations in fuel prices, paper prices, postal rates and postal delivery schedules; (j) the number of shares, if any, that we may repurchase in connection with our repurchase program; (k) unanticipated developments regarding litigation or other contingent liabilities; (l) our ability to complete anticipated divestitures and reorganizations; and (m) other factors discussed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including under “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. The forward-looking statements in this Current Report are made only as of the date hereof and we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statement, even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the

future.

SIGNATURE

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.

HARTE HANKS, INC.

Date: September 27, 2018 By: /s/ Jon C. Biro

Name: Jon C. Biro

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President