

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

May 5, 2017  
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

**QUAKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-12019

PENNSYLVANIA  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

No. 23-0993790  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Quaker Park  
901 E. Hector Street  
Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

(610) 832-4000  
(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:

- 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.**

As previously reported on a Current Report on Form 8-K, on April 4, 2017, Quaker Chemical Corporation ("Quaker Chemical") entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with Gulf Houghton Lubricants, Ltd., an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands, Global Houghton Ltd., an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and certain members of the management of Global Houghton and Gulf Houghton Lubricants, Ltd., as agent for the Sellers.

On May 5, 2017, Quaker Chemical's Chief Executive Officer sent an e-mail to Quaker Chemical's employees providing an update regarding the transaction. A copy of that e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

## **Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Quaker Chemical E-mail to Employees May 5, 2017.

## **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in such statements. A major risk is that demand for Quaker Chemical's products and services is largely derived from the demand for its customers' products, which subjects Quaker Chemical to uncertainties related to downturns in a customer's business and unanticipated customer production shutdowns. Other major risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, significant increases in raw material costs, customer financial stability, worldwide economic and political conditions, foreign currency fluctuations, significant changes in applicable tax rates and regulations, future terrorist attacks and other acts of violence. Other factors, including those related to the transaction, could also adversely affect us including, but not limited to:

- the risk that Quaker Chemical shareholders may not approve the issuance of certain consideration for the proposed transaction;
- the risk that a required regulatory approval will not be obtained or is subject to conditions that are not anticipated or acceptable to us;
- the potential for regulatory authorities to require divestitures in connection with the proposed transaction, which would result in a smaller than anticipated combined business;
- the risk that a closing condition to the proposed transaction may not be satisfied in a timely manner;
- risks associated with the financing of the transaction;
- the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the purchase agreement;
- potential adverse effects on Quaker Chemical's business, properties or operations caused by the implementation of the transaction;
- Quaker Chemical's ability to promptly, efficiently and effectively integrate Global Houghton's operations into those of Quaker Chemical;
- risks related to the disruption of each company's time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed transaction; and,
- the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against the companies following announcement of the merger agreement and transactions contemplated therein.

Therefore, we caution you not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements.

For more information regarding these risks and uncertainties as well as certain additional risks that we face, you should refer to the Risk Factors detailed in Item 1A of our 2016 Form 10-K, and in our quarterly and other reports filed from time to time with the Commission. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are current only as of the date on which we issued this report. We do not intend to, and we disclaim any duty or obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect new information or future events or for any other reason.

This discussion is provided as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

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**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, Quaker Chemical will file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THIS PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other documents filed by Quaker Chemical with the Commission at the Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Free copies of the proxy statement, once available, and of Quaker Chemical's other filings with the Commission may also be obtained from the Company by directing a request to: Victoria K. Gehris, Investor Relations, +1.610.832.4246.

Quaker Chemical and its directors, executive officers and other members of its management may solicit proxies from its shareholders in favor of the transaction. Information concerning such persons who may be considered participants in the solicitation of Quaker Chemical's shareholders under the rules of the Commission will be set forth in the definitive proxy statement to be filed by Quaker with the Commission in connection with the transaction.

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**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.

QUAKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION

Date: May 5, 2017

By: /s/ Robert T. Traub  
Robert T. Traub  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit <u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Quaker Chemical E-mail to Employees May 5, 2017.

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5 May 2017

Quaker Associates,

It has been one month since we announced that we signed the agreement to combine Quaker with Houghton International, bringing together our two great companies to create one global organization. The announcement marked a truly exciting day for both our companies, and now we are beginning stages of planning for integration. Here are some of the activities that we have started:

- The primary activity of the past few weeks has been letting everyone associated with Quaker – our associates, our investors, and our customers - know what is happening. The Management Executive Committee (MEC) have hosted town halls and webinars for every location; managers across our organization have met with their reporting team members to discuss the announcement; many of you have been busy responding to our customers' questions. Following these discussions, our associates have asked many insightful questions; and while it is too early to have the answers to all of them, we have begun to update the "Frequently Asked Questions" lists on QNet.
- At corporate, our legal team has been working to complete the necessary filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Federal Trade Commission and other regulatory entities around the world. We have begun filing paperwork for required regulatory approvals in the United States, Europe, Australia, China, and Taiwan. Further, our legal team has been working on proxy solicitation materials that will be filed with the SEC and then presented to our shareholders in order to vote on the approval of the stock consideration portion of the purchase price at a special shareholders meeting to be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter on a date to be determined.
- Quaker leadership team members have started interviewing consultants who will partner with us and provide critical support and expertise through our journey. In the coming weeks we will also name the integration leader and internal project leaders who will oversee the efforts required to map the future organization's design, global manufacturing optimization, brand considerations, supply chain reviews, IT systems, and other business needs. We will let you know when those selections have been made.

I recognize that as we plan for change there are feelings of excitement and interest, mixed with some uncertainty. The MEC and I will use this integration planning period to thoughtfully and carefully plan our integration efforts. We will continue to communicate and provide updates to you as they happen, and continue to be invite your thoughts and feedback as well. If you have any questions that you have not had the opportunity to ask, please reach out to your manager, the MEC, or [AssociateQuestions@quakerchem.com](mailto:AssociateQuestions@quakerchem.com).

Thank you for your continued commitment to our company and our customers.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Barry'.

Mike Barry

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & President



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