# 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

Date of Report: October 28, 2020 (Date of earliest event reported)

## QEP RESOURCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34778

(Commission File Number)

87-0287750

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1050 17th Street, Suite 800 Denver, Colorado 80265

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(303) 672-6900

(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 inten	ded to simultaneously s	satisfy the filing obligation o	f the registrant under any
of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below	):		

	Soliciting material pursu	s pursuant to Rule 425 under the Secur uant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchang	ge 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))					
Securities register	ed pursuant to Section	12(b) of the Act:			
	f each class k, \$0.01 par value	Trading Symbol(s) QEP	Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange		

Indicate by checkmark 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)  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 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard. Transfer of Listing.

On October 28, 2020, QEP Resources, Inc. (the Company) received notice (the Notice) from the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) that it is no longer in compliance with the NYSE continued listing criteria set forth in Section 802.01C of the Listed Company Manual of the NYSE (Section 802.01C) that requires listed companies to maintain an average closing share price of at least \$1.00 over a period of 30 consecutive trading days.

Pursuant to Section 802.01C, the Company has a period of six months following the receipt of the Notice to regain compliance with the minimum share price requirement, subject to possible extension in the discretion of the NYSE. The Company has notified the NYSE of its intent to cure the listing standard deficiency and regain compliance with the price criteria. The Company intends to consider all available options to cure the deficiency and restore compliance, including through a reverse stock split, which was authorized by the Company's shareholders at the Company's annual meeting held on May 12, 2020.

The Company can regain compliance with the minimum share price requirement at any time during the six month cure period if, on the last trading day of any calendar month during the cure period or on the last day of the cure period, the Company has a closing share price of at least \$1.00 and an average closing share price of at least \$1.00 over the 30 trading-day period ending on such date. If the Company effectuates a reverse stock split, the condition will be deemed cured if the price promptly exceeds \$1.00 a share and the price remains above that level for at least the following 30 trading days.

The Notice has no immediate impact on the listing of the Company's common stock, which will continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE during the cure period under the trading symbol "QEP", subject to the Company's continued compliance with the other listing requirements of the NYSE. However, the trading symbol will have an added designation of ".BC" to indicate that the status of the common shares is "below compliance" with the NYSE continued listing standards. The ".BC" indicator will be removed at such time as the Company regains compliance. Failure to satisfy the conditions of the cure period or to maintain other listing requirements could lead to a delisting.

The Notice does not affect ongoing business operations of the Company or its reporting requirements with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 3, 2020, the Company issued a press release announcing the receipt of the Notice. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, including in Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No.** 99.1

Exhibit
Press Release, dated November 3, 2020 (NYSE).

## **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.

QEP Resources, Inc. (Registrant)

November 3, 2020

/s/ William J. Buese

William J. Buese

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



## **QEP Resources Receives Continued Listing Notice from NYSE**

**DENVER** - November 3, 2020 - QEP Resources, Inc. (NYSE: QEP) (QEP or the Company) announced that on October 28, 2020, it received written notice from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) that the average closing price of the Company's common stock over the prior 30-consecutive trading day period was below \$1.00 per share, which is the minimum average share price for continued listing on the NYSE.

QEP has notified the NYSE of its intent to cure the deficiency and return to compliance with the NYSE continued listing requirements within the six-month cure period. During the cure period, QEP's shares of common stock will continue to trade on the NYSE, subject to compliance with other continued listing requirements.

The NYSE notification does not affect QEP's ongoing business operations or its Securities and Exchange Commission reporting requirements, nor does it trigger any violation of its debt obligations. QEP is considering all available options to regain compliance with the NYSE's continued listing standards, including the consummation of a potential reverse stock split.

## About QEP Resources, Inc.

QEP Resources, Inc. (NYSE: QEP) is an independent crude oil and natural gas exploration and production company focused in two regions of the United States: the Southern Region (primarily in Texas) and the Northern Region (primarily in North Dakota). For more information, visit QEP's website at: <a href="https://www.gepres.com">www.gepres.com</a>.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "forecasts," "plans," "estimates," "expects," "should," "will" or other similar expressions. Such statements are based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections, which are subject to a wide range of uncertainties and business risks. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding: the Company's intention to regain compliance with the NYSE's continued listing standards. Actual results may differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to: the length and severity of the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on QEP's business; changes in oil, gas and NGL prices; liquidity constraints, including those resulting from the cost or unavailability of financing due to debt and equity capital and credit market conditions, changes in QEP's credit rating, QEP's compliance with loan covenants, the increasing credit pressure on QEP's industry or demands for cash collateral by counterparties to derivative and other contracts; market conditions; global geopolitical and macroeconomic factors; the activities of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other oil producing countries such as Russia; general economic conditions, including interest rates; changes in local, regional, national and global demand for natural oil, gas and NGL; impact of new laws and regulations, including the use of hydraulic fracture stimulation; impact of U.S. dollar exchange rates on oil, gas and NGL prices; elimination of federal income tax deductions for oil and gas exploration and development; guidance for implementation of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; actual proceeds from asset sales; actions of activist shareholders; tariffs on products QEP uses in its operations or on the products QEP sells; drilling results; shortages of oilfield equipment, services and personnel; the availability of storage and refining capacity; operating risks such as unexpected drilling conditions; transportation constraints, including gas and crude oil pipeline takeaway capacity in

the Permian and Williston basins; weather conditions; changes in maintenance, service and construction costs; permitting delays; outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings; inadequate supplies of water and/or lack of water disposal sources; credit worthiness of counterparties to agreements; and the other risks discussed in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Risk Factors section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, as updated by the Risk Factors section of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2020, June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020. QEP Resources undertakes no obligation to publicly correct or update the forward-looking statements in this news release, in other documents, or on the website to reflect future events or circumstances. All such statements are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

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