

INVACARE CORP
Form 8-K
November 20, 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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):
November 20, 2018

INVACARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
Ohio 001-15103 95-2680965
(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or Organization) Identification Number)

One Invacare Way, Elyria, Ohio 44035
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(440) 329-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, 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)
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- .. 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).
Emerging growth company ..

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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 2.05. Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

As of November 20, 2018, Invacare Corporation (the “Company”) has informed substantially all of its affected employees of a reduction in the Company’s workforce of approximately 50 associates in Europe in connection with the Company’s cost reduction efforts. As part of the Company’s long-term plan to increase shareholder value, the Company targeted a goal of achieving \$12.5 million of operating margin improvement from cost reduction activities specifically in Europe. In connection with this reduction in workforce, the Company expects to incur total pre-tax cash restructuring charges, primarily relating to severance and transition assistance, of approximately \$0.9 million, that will be expensed in the fourth quarter of 2018 in the Europe segment. The Company expects cash payments to be made in the fourth quarter of 2018 through the second quarter of 2019. Once this reduction in workforce is completed, the Company expects that it will generate approximately \$2.5 million in annualized pre-tax savings. To date, including this action, the Company has announced cost reductions actions which are anticipated to result in approximately \$5.8 million in annualized pre-tax savings towards the \$12.5 million goal in Europe.

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “Safe Harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are those that describe future outcomes or expectations that are usually identified by words such as “will,” “should,” “could,” “plan,” “intend,” “expect,” “continue,” “forecast,” “believe,” and “anticipate” and include, for example, any statement made regarding the company's future results. Actual results may differ materially as a result of various risks and uncertainties, including circumstances or developments that may make the Company unable to implement or realize the anticipated benefits, or that may increase the costs, of its current business initiatives, including the reduction in workforce and the company’s cost reduction goals in Europe; and those other risks and uncertainties expressed in the cautionary statements and risk factors in the company’s annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company may not be able to predict and may have little or no control over many factors or events that may influence its future results and, except as required by law, shall have no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INVACARE CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 20, 2018 By: /s/ Kathleen P. Leneghan
Name: Kathleen P. Leneghan
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer