

INTERNATIONAL TOWER HILL MINES LTD
Form SC 13G
March 20, 2018

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13G

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)***

International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

46050R102

(CUSIP Number)

March 13, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- ☐ Rule 13d-1(b)
- ☒ Rule 13d-1(c)
- ☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1. | Names of Reporting Persons
Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II L.P. | |
| 2. | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) | |
| | (a) | <input type="radio"/> |
| | (b) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 3. | SEC Use Only | |
| 4. | Citizenship or Place of Organization
Cayman Islands | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 5. | Sole Voting Power
0 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power
19,894,528(1) |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power
0 |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power
19,894,528 (1) |
| 9. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
19,894,528 (1) | |
| 10. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/> | |
| 11. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.7% (2) | |
| 12. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
PN | |

(1) Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II L.P. (the **Fund**) directly holds 19,894,528 common shares, no par value (**Common Shares**), of International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. (the **Issuer**). The Fund disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported Common Shares except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Based on 162,392,996 Common Shares outstanding on March 9, 2018, as set forth in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on March 16, 2018 (the **Form 10-K**) and 24,000,000 additional Common Shares reported in the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 16, 2018 (the **Form 8-K**).

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| 1. | Names of Reporting Persons
Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II GP L.P. | |
| 2. | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) | |
| | (a) | <input type="radio"/> |
| | (b) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 3. | SEC Use Only | |
| 4. | Citizenship or Place of Organization
Cayman Islands | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 5. | Sole Voting Power
0 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power
19,894,528(1) |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power
0 |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power
19,894,528 (1) |
| 9. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
19,894,528 (1) | |
| 10. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/> | |
| 11. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.7% (2) | |
| 12. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
PN | |

(1) The Fund directly holds 19,894,528 Common Shares. Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II GP L.P. (the **Fund GP**) is the general partner of the Fund. Therefore, the Fund GP may be deemed to share the right to direct the disposition of and may be deemed to share the power to vote or to direct the vote of 19,894,528 Common Shares. The Fund GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported Common Shares except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Based on 162,392,996 Common Shares outstanding on March 9, 2018, as set forth in the Form 10-K and 24,000,000 additional Common Shares reported in the Form 8-K.

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| 1. | Names of Reporting Persons
ESOF II GP Ltd. | |
| 2. | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) | |
| | (a) | <input type="radio"/> |
| | (b) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 3. | SEC Use Only | |
| 4. | Citizenship or Place of Organization
Cayman Islands | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 5. | Sole Voting Power
0 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power
19,894,528(1) |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power
0 |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power
19,894,528 (1) |
| 9. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
19,894,528 (1) | |
| 10. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/> | |
| 11. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.7% (2) | |
| 12. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
OO | |

(1) The Fund directly holds 19,894,528 Common Shares. The Fund GP is the general partner of the Fund, and ESOF II GP Ltd. (**ESOF II GP**) is the general partner of the Fund GP. Therefore, ESOF II GP may be deemed to share the right to direct the disposition of and may be deemed to share the power to vote or to direct the vote of 19,894,528 Common Shares. ESOF II GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported Common Shares except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Based on 162,392,996 Common Shares outstanding on March 9, 2018, as set forth in the Form 10-K and 24,000,000 additional Common Shares reported in the Form 8-K.

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| 1. | Names of Reporting Persons
The Electrum Group LLC | |
| 2. | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) | |
| | (a) | <input type="radio"/> |
| | (b) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 3. | SEC Use Only | |
| 4. | Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 5. | Sole Voting Power
0 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power
19,894,528(1) |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power
0 |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power
19,894,528 (1) |
| 9. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
19,894,528 (1) | |
| 10. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/> | |
| 11. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.7% (2) | |
| 12. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
IA | |

(1) The Fund directly holds 19,894,528 Common Shares. The Electrum Group LLC (**TEG Services**) is the registered investment advisor to the Fund. Therefore, TEG Services may be deemed to share the right to direct the disposition of and may be deemed to share the power to vote or to direct the vote of 19,894,528 Common Shares. TEG Services disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported Common Shares except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Based on 162,392,996 Common Shares outstanding on March 9, 2018, as set forth in the Form 10-K and 24,000,000 additional Common Shares reported in the Form 8-K.

Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer
International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. (the **Issuer**)
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices
1177 West Hastings Street, Suite 2300

Vancouver, British Columbia

Canada

Item 2.

- (a) Names of Persons Filing
This Schedule 13G is being filed jointly by each of the following persons (each, a **Reporting Person** and together, the **Reporting Persons**):
- (i) Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II L.P. (the **Fund**)
- (ii) Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II GP L.P. (the **Fund GP**)
- (iii) ESOF II GP Ltd. (**ESOF II GP**)
- (iv) The Electrum Group LLC (**TEG Services**)
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

The address of the principal business and principal office of each of the Fund, the Fund GP, ESOF II GP and TEG Services is C/O The Electrum Group LLC, 535 Madison Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10022
- (c) Citizenship
- (i) The Fund is a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership
- (ii) The Fund GP is a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership
- (iii) ESOF II GP is a Cayman Islands exempted company limited by shares
- (iv) TEG Services is a Delaware limited liability company
- (d) Title of Class of Securities
Common Shares, no par value
- (e) CUSIP Number
46050R102

Item 3.

If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

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| | x | Not applicable. |
| (a) | <input type="radio"/> | Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o); |
| (b) | <input type="radio"/> | Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c); |
| (c) | <input type="radio"/> | Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c); |
| (d) | <input type="radio"/> | Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8); |
| (e) | <input type="radio"/> | An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); |
| (f) | <input type="radio"/> | An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); |
| (g) | <input type="radio"/> | |

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| | | A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); |
| (h) | <input type="radio"/> | A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813); |
| (i) | <input type="radio"/> | A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3); |
| (j) | <input type="radio"/> | A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d 1(b)(1)(ii)(J); |
| | | Group, in accordance with § 240.13d 1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with |
| (k) | <input type="radio"/> | |
| | | § 240.13d 1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:_____ |

Item 4. Ownership

The information in items 1 through 11 on the cover pages to this Schedule 13G is incorporated by reference.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following ☐.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

Item 10.

Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

March 20, 2018
(Date)

Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II L.P.

By: Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II GP
L.P., its general partner

By: ESOF II GP Ltd., its general partner

By: /s/ Michael Williams
Name: Michael Williams
Title: Authorized Person

Electrum Strategic Opportunities Fund II GP L.P.

By: ESOF II GP Ltd., its general partner

By: /s/ Michael Williams
Name: Michael Williams
Title: Authorized Person

ESOF II GP Ltd.

By: /s/ Michael Williams
Name: Michael Williams
Title: Authorized Person

The Electrum Group LLC

By: /s/ Michael Williams
Name: Michael Williams
Title: Authorized Person

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of March 20, 2018, by and among the Reporting Persons.