

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2017

**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): February 21, 2017**

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**1-13395**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**56-2010790**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**4401 Colwick Road**

**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**28211**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400**

**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))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 21, 2017, Sonic Automotive, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (the Earnings Press Release ). A copy of the Earnings Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and a copy of the earnings call presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 21, 2017, in the Earnings Press Release, the Company announced the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

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

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc., dated February 21, 2017

99.2 Earnings call presentation materials

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and 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, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Date: February 21, 2017

By: /s/ STEPHEN K. COSS  
Stephen K. Coss  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit**

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