
**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): March 28, 2018

Amtech Systems, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Arizona
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-11412
(Commission
File Number)

86-0411215
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

131 S. Clark Drive, Tempe, Arizona
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

85281
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (480) 967-5146

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 obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):

- 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.

On March 28, 2018 the Board of Directors of Amtech Systems, Inc. (the "Company") approved a stock repurchase program, pursuant to which the Company may repurchase up to \$4 million of its outstanding common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, over a one-year period, commencing on April 2, 2018. Repurchases under the program will be made in open market transactions at prevailing market prices, in privately negotiated transactions, or by other means in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission; however, the Company has no obligation to repurchase shares and the timing, actual number, and value of shares to be repurchased is subject to management's discretion and will depend on the Company's stock price and other market conditions. The Company may, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, terminate the repurchase program at any time while it is in effect.

A copy of the press release announcing the Company's stock repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated April 2, 2018

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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.

AMTECH SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: April 3, 2018

By: /s/ Lisa D. Gibbs

Name: Lisa D. Gibbs

Title: Vice President & Chief Accounting Officer

Amtech Systems Announces Stock Repurchase Program

TEMPE, Ariz., April 2, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Amtech Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: ASYS), a global supplier of production equipment and related supplies for the solar, semiconductor, and LED markets, today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a new stock repurchase program of up to \$4 million of the company's outstanding common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. This new program will commence immediately and is expected to be completed over the next 12 months. As of December 31, 2017, Amtech had approximately 14.9 million shares of common stock outstanding.

Under the program, shares may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions at prevailing market prices, in privately negotiated transactions, or by other means in accordance with federal securities laws. The actual timing, number, and value of shares repurchased under the program will be determined by management in its sole discretion and will depend on a variety of factors, such as the market price of Amtech's stock, corporate and regulatory requirements, alternative investment opportunities, and general market and economic conditions. Repurchases under the program will be funded from available working capital. The program may be commenced, suspended or terminated at any time at management's discretion and without prior notice.

Fokko Pentinga, President and Chief Executive Officer of Amtech, commented, "At current price levels, we believe Amtech's common stock represents an investment opportunity for the Company. We believe we can continue to invest in the initiatives that are key to our future success as well as enhance the value of our Company by repurchasing common stock under this program."

About Amtech Systems, Inc.

Amtech Systems, Inc. is a global supplier of advanced thermal processing equipment to the solar, semiconductor / electronics, and LED manufacturing markets. Amtech's equipment includes diffusion, ALD and PECVD systems and solder reflow systems. Amtech also supplies wafer handling automation and polishing equipment and related consumable products. The Company's wafer handling, thermal processing and consumable products currently address the diffusion, oxidation, and deposition steps used in the fabrication of solar cells, LEDs, semiconductors, MEMS, printed circuit boards, semiconductor packaging, and the polishing of newly sliced sapphire and silicon wafers. Amtech's products are recognized under the leading brand names Tempres Systems[™], Bruce Technologies[™], PR Hoffman[™], R2D Automation[™], SoLayTec, and BTU International.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information contained in this press release is forward-looking in nature. All statements in this press release, or made by management of Amtech Systems, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Amtech"), other than

statements of historical fact, are hereby identified as "forward-looking statements" (as such term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "would," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "intends," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," "continue," or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology or our management are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include statements regarding Amtech's future financial results, operating results, business strategies, projected costs, products under development, competitive positions, and plans and objectives of Amtech and its management for future operations. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. The Form 10-K, as amended, that Amtech filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for the year-ended September 30, 2016, listed various important factors that could affect the company's future operating results and financial condition and could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results and expectations based on forward-looking statements made in this document or elsewhere by Amtech or on its behalf. These factors can be found under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Form 10-K and investors should refer to them. Because it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors, any such list cannot be considered a complete set of all potential risks or uncertainties. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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