
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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): April 30, 2019

Weatherford International public limited company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-36504 (Commission File Number)	98-0606750 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
Weststrasse 1, 6340 Baar, Switzerland (Address of principal executive offices)		CH 6340 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +41.22.816.1500		
Not Applicable		
(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:

- 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 (§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.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 30, 2019, Weatherford International plc issued a press release announcing the closing of the sale of its laboratory services business to a group led by CSL Capital Management, L.P. for \$206 million in cash. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

The information provided pursuant to this Item 7.01 is “furnished” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” with the Securities and Exchange Commission or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filings.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press release, dated April 30, 2019, announcing the closing of the sale of Weatherford's laboratory services business

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.

Date: April 30, 2019

Weatherford International plc

/s/ Christina M. Ibrahim

Christina M. Ibrahim
Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate
Secretary



Weatherford Completes Sale of Laboratory Services Business

BAAR, SWITZERLAND, April 30, 2019 – Weatherford International plc (NYSE: WFT) (the “Company” or “Weatherford”) today announced it has completed the sale of its laboratory services business to a group led by CSL Capital Management, L.P. (“CSL Capital”) for \$206 million in cash.

In October 2018, the Company signed a definitive agreement to divest its laboratory and geological analysis business, including personnel and associated contracts. The transaction is one in a series of planned divestitures to refocus the Company’s portfolio on core businesses most closely aligned with its long-term strategy and to reduce its debt.

“We are pleased to close this transaction with CSL Capital Management, which has a strong track record of investing in energy services,” said Mark A. McCollum, President and Chief Executive Officer of Weatherford. “Over the several past months, our teams have worked closely to ensure a seamless transition for our customers, suppliers and employees. We believe this transaction will give our customers the opportunity to maximize their operations through this world-class laboratory and reservoir services company, and its highly qualified workforce.”

“We are pleased to close this transaction with Weatherford and are looking forward to working closely with the employees and customers of Stratum Reservoir, the new name of the standalone, independent laboratory services company. After the close we will be investing and growing Stratum Reservoir to further extend the leadership of this world-class laboratory and reservoir description company and to serve the evolving needs of the energy industry,” said Charlie Leykum, Founding Partner of CSL Capital. “We are also appreciative of all the support provided by the Weatherford team leading up to the closing today, and we look forward to our continued collaboration.”

“I am excited by the opportunity to work with the exceptional employees of Stratum Reservoir to build a market-leading Geosciences laboratory business by focusing on value-adding technical solutions that help our customers gain a deep understanding of their energy resources,” said Ricardo Carossino, newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of Stratum Reservoir.

CSL Capital partnered with the Carlyle Energy Mezzanine Opportunities Fund II, L.P. (“Carlyle”) to complete this acquisition.

About Weatherford

Weatherford is one of the largest multinational oilfield service companies providing innovative solutions, technology and services to the oil and gas industry. The Company operates in over 80 countries and has a network of approximately 700 locations, including manufacturing, service, research and development, and training facilities and employs approximately 26,500 people. For more information, visit www.weatherford.com and connect with Weatherford on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

About CSL Capital

CSL Capital is a SEC-registered investment firm focused on energy services and equipment businesses in the U.S. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, CSL Capital was founded in early 2008. The current CSL Capital portfolio includes several de novo, growth, recapitalization, and other investments. CSL Capital's partners include financial institutions, endowments, foundations, and family offices, among other institutional groups. Since its 2008 inception, CSL Capital has raised in excess of \$1.7 billion in equity capital and commitments across various investment vehicles. For more information, please visit www.csleenergy.com.

About The Carlyle Group

The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) is a global investment firm with deep industry expertise that deploys private capital across four business segments: Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, Global Credit and Investment Solutions. With \$216 billion of assets under management as of December 31, 2018, Carlyle's purpose is to invest wisely and create value on behalf of our investors, portfolio companies and the communities in which we live and invest. The Carlyle Group employs more than 1,650 people in 31 offices across six continents.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements as defined under federal law, including, but not limited to, those related to the sale transactions described in this press release. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "may," "should," "could," "will," "would," and "will be," and similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Such statements are subject to significant risks, assumptions and uncertainties. Known material factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by such forward-looking statements are described in the forward looking statements and risk factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and those risk factors set forth from time-to-time in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Weatherford undertakes no obligation to correct or update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except to the extent required under federal securities laws.

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