

CHARLES & COLVARD LTD
Form 8-K
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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 1, 2017**

Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina	000-23329	56-1928817
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

170 Southport Drive
Morrisville, North Carolina 27560
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(919) 468-0399

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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))

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

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 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

As previously disclosed, on May 4, 2017, Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (the “Company”) received notice from Nasdaq’s Listing Qualifications Department indicating that the Company was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5450(a)(1) because the minimum bid price of its common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market had closed below \$1.00 per share for 30 consecutive business days. In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company had an initial grace period of 180 calendar days, or until October 31, 2017, to regain compliance with the minimum \$1.00 bid price per share requirement.

On November 1, 2017, the Company received a notification letter from Nasdaq’s Listing Qualifications Department indicating that, while the Company has not regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement, it is eligible for an additional 180-day grace period, or until April 30, 2018, to regain compliance with the \$1.00 per share minimum bid price requirement.

Nasdaq’s determination to grant an additional 180-day grace period is based on the Company meeting the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other applicable requirements for initial listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, with the exception of the minimum bid price requirement, and on the Company’s written notice to Nasdaq of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. At the opening of business on November 3, 2017, shares of the Company’s common stock will be transferred from the Nasdaq Global Select Market to the Nasdaq Capital Market. The Nasdaq Capital Market is a continuous trading market that operates in substantially the same manner as the Nasdaq Global Select Market and listed companies must meet certain financial requirements and comply with Nasdaq’s corporate governance requirements. The Company’s common stock will continue to trade under the same symbol: “CTHR.”

If the Company does not regain compliance by April 30, 2018, the Company expects that Nasdaq will provide written notification that the Company’s common stock will be delisted. At that time, the Company may appeal Nasdaq’s delisting determination to a Nasdaq hearing panel.

The Company intends to actively monitor the bid price of its common stock and will consider available options to regain compliance with the listing requirements.

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.

Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

November 1, 2017 By: /s/ Clint J. Pete
Clint J. Pete
Chief Financial Officer