

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
Form 8-K  
November 08, 2016

**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 7, 2016**

**The Sherwin-Williams Company**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Ohio**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**1-04851**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**34-0526850**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**101 West Prospect Avenue Cleveland, Ohio**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**44115**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(216) 566-2000**

**(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))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 7, 2016, Christopher M. Connor, Executive Chairman of The Sherwin-Williams Company ( Sherwin-Williams ), notified Sherwin-Williams of his decision to retire from his position as Executive Chairman effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2016. In addition, Mr. Connor notified Sherwin-Williams that he will not stand for re-election as a director and will retire from the Board of Directors (the Board ) at the end of his current term at Sherwin-Williams 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Also on November 7, 2016, the Board elected John G. Morikis, currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Sherwin-Williams, to the additional position of Chairman effective January 1, 2017.

A copy of Sherwin-Williams press release, dated November 7, 2016, announcing these changes is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is filed with this Report:

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description  |
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| 99          | Press Release of The Sherwin-Williams Company, dated November 7, 2016. |

**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.

**THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY**

November 8, 2016

By: /s/ Catherine M. Kilbane  
Catherine M. Kilbane  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

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