

VMWARE, INC.

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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): September 1, 2016

VMWARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-33622
(Commission File Number)

94-3292913
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

3401 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94304
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 427-5000

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Amended and Restated Tax Sharing Agreement

On September 6, 2016, VMware, Inc. (“**VMware**” or the “**Company**”) entered into an Amended and Restated Tax Sharing Agreement (the “**Amended TSA**”) with EMC Corporation (“**EMC**”) and Dell Technologies Inc. (“**Dell Technologies**”) (formerly known as Denali Holding Inc.), in connection with the acquisition by merger of EMC by Dell Technologies on September 7, 2016 (the “**Dell Acquisition**”). As a result of the Dell Acquisition, EMC and VMware each became members of an affiliated group of corporations (within the meaning of section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code) of which Dell Technologies is the common parent corporation (the “**Dell Affiliated Group**”).

The Amended TSA amends and restates the tax sharing agreement dated August 13, 2007 between VMware and EMC, as amended (the “**Prior TSA**”), effective as of the effective time of the Dell Acquisition. The Amended TSA is substantially unchanged from the Prior TSA, except that Dell Technologies and the Dell Affiliated Group are substituted in place of EMC and the former EMC affiliated group of corporations.

Item 5.01 Changes in Control of Registrant.

The information set forth in Item 5.02 of this report is incorporated herein by reference.

A change in control of VMware occurred effective September 7, 2016 as a result of the closing of the Dell Acquisition.

As of June 30, 2016, EMC held 80.6% of VMware’s outstanding common stock and 97.4% of the combined voting power of VMware’s outstanding common stock, including 43,025,308 shares of Class A common stock and all 300,000,000 shares of outstanding Class B common stock. Effective at the effective time of the Dell Acquisition, Dell Technologies became the indirect owner of all of such shares, and VMware became an indirectly-held, majority-owned subsidiary of Dell Technologies. VMware continues to qualify as a “controlled company” under Section 303A of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual and to be an independent publicly-traded company.

Upon the consummation of the Dell Acquisition, EMC shareholders became entitled to receive merger consideration per share of EMC common stock consisting of (1) \$24.05 in cash, without interest, and (2) 0.11146 shares of Dell Technologies Class V common stock, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares. The shares of Class V common stock issuable in the Dell Acquisition are intended by Dell Technologies to track and reflect the economic performance of the Dell Technologies Class V Group, which initially has attributed to it approximately 65% of EMC’s current economic interest in the business of VMware, consisting of the approximately 343 million shares of VMware common stock indirectly owned by Dell Technologies. There can be no assurance that the market price of the Class V common stock will, in fact, reflect the performance of such economic interest. The shares of Class V common stock were listed on the New York Stock Exchange and began trading following the completion of the Dell Acquisition.

Dell Technologies used a combination of debt and equity financing and cash on hand to finance the aggregate cash consideration of approximately \$48.07 billion paid to EMC shareholders

In connection with the Dell Acquisition, Michael Dell and Egon Durban were elected to VMware Board of Directors effective September 7, 2016.

Mr. Dell and investment funds affiliated with Silver Lake Partners may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares of VMware common stock held by EMC, which as noted above, represents 80.6% of VMware’s outstanding common stock and 97.4% of the combined voting power of VMware’s outstanding common stock. Mr. Durban is a member of the investment committees of general partnerships that have sole voting and dispositive control over such securities held by such investment funds affiliated with Silver Lake Partners.

There are no other arrangements known to the Company, including any pledge by any person of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of VMware.

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

(b) On September 1, 2016 and September 6, 2016, respectively, John Egan and Joe Tucci resigned from the Board of VMware and all committees thereof, effective as of September 6, 2016.

(d) On September 6, 2016, effective immediately following the closing of the Dell Acquisition, the Board of VMware elected Michael Dell and Egon Durban as Class I, Group I members of the Board. Mr. Dell was appointed Chairman of the Board. In connection with his election to the Board, Mr. Durban was appointed to serve as a member of VMware's Mergers and Acquisitions Committee.

Mr. Dell serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dell Technologies. Mr. Durban is also a director of Dell Technologies.

VMware will enter into its standard form of indemnification agreement with each of Messrs. Dell and Durban.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Dell's and Mr. Durban's elections to the Board is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of VMware, Inc. dated September 7, 2016

(d) Exhibits

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.

VMware, Inc.

Date: September 7, 2016

By: /s/ Zane Rowe

Zane Rowe

Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer
and Executive Vice President

Michael Dell Joins VMware Board of Directors as Chairman

Egon Durban Joins as Director

PALO ALTO, Calif., Sept. 7, 2016 - VMware, Inc. (NYSE: VMW), a global leader in cloud infrastructure and business mobility, today announced that Michael S. Dell has been elected to the VMware board of directors as Chairman. In addition, Egon Durban was elected to the VMware board of directors. Both of these appointments were triggered by Dell Technologies' completion of the acquisition of EMC Corporation, announced today, creating a unique family of businesses that provides the essential infrastructure for organizations to build their digital future, transform IT and protect their most important asset, information.

With this change, Joseph M. Tucci, VMware's Chairman of the Board of Directors since 2007, as well as John R. Egan who served as a director on the VMware Board of Directors since 2007, are resigning from the VMware board.

Dell currently serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dell Technologies. He has held the title of Chairman of the Board of Dell since he founded the company in 1984. Dell also served as Chief Executive Officer of Dell Inc. from 1984 until July 2004 and resumed that role in January 2007. Dell also serves as a director and non-executive Chairman of the Board of SecureWorks Corp., a majority-owned subsidiary of Dell Technologies.

Durban has served as a member of the board of directors of Dell Technologies since the closing of Dell's going-private transaction in October 2013. He is a Managing Partner and Managing Director of Silver Lake, a global private equity firm. Durban joined Silver Lake in 1999 as a founding principal. He serves on the board of directors of Intelsat S.A., Motorola Solutions, Inc. and SecureWorks Corp., a majority-owned subsidiary of Dell Technologies. Durban is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of WME | IMG and on the board of directors of UFC.

"We are thrilled to welcome Michael Dell and Egon Durban to the VMware board of directors," said Pat Gelsinger, chief executive officer, VMware. "As we continue to grow as a strategically aligned business within the Dell Technologies family of businesses, their perspective and leadership will prove invaluable."

"I also want to personally thank Joe Tucci for the commitment, passion and leadership he brought as Chairman of the VMware Board over the past nine years," commented Gelsinger. "And many thanks to John for his valued contribution as well."

About VMware

VMware, a global leader in cloud infrastructure and business mobility, helps customers accelerate their digital transformation. VMware enables enterprises to master a software-defined approach to business and IT with its Cross-Cloud Architecture™ and solutions for the data center, mobility, and security. With 2015 revenues of \$6.6 billion, VMware is headquartered in Palo Alto, CA and has over 500,000 customers and 75,000 partners worldwide.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements including, among other things, statements regarding VMware's continued growth. These forward-looking statements are subject to the safe harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain risk factors, including but not limited to: (i) adverse changes in general economic or market conditions; (ii) delays or reductions in consumer, government and information technology spending; (iii) competitive factors, including but not limited to pricing pressures, industry consolidation, entry of new competitors into the virtualization software and cloud, end user and mobile computing industries, and new product and marketing initiatives by VMware's competitors; (iv) VMware's customers' ability to transition to new products and computing strategies such as cloud computing, desktop virtualization and the software defined data center; (v) VMware's ability to enter into and maintain strategically effective partnerships; (vi) the uncertainty of customer acceptance of emerging technology; (vii) changes in the willingness of customers to enter into longer term licensing and support arrangements; (viii) rapid technological changes in the virtualization software and cloud, end user and mobile computing industries; (ix) changes to product and service development timelines; (x) VMware's relationship with Dell Technologies and Dell Technologies' ability to control matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of VMware's board members and matters relating to Dell Technologies' investment in VMware; (xi) VMware's ability to protect its proprietary technology; (xii) VMware's ability to attract and retain highly qualified employees; (xiii) disruptions to VMware's business resulting from the consummation of EMC's acquisition by Dell and the potential for loss of VMware customers due to uncertainty that the Dell-EMC transaction could have on VMware's business; (xiv) the ability of VMware to realize synergies following Dell's acquisition of EMC; and (xv) changes in VMware's financial condition. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this press release, are based on current expectations and are subject to uncertainties and changes in condition, significance, value and effect as well as other risks detailed in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including VMware's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K that we may file from time to time, which could cause actual results to vary from expectations. VMware assumes no obligation to, and does not currently intend to, update any such forward-looking statements after the date of this release.

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