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 2, 2020

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-134

13-0612970

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

130 Harbour Place Drive, Suite 300 Davidson, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

28036 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 869-4600

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

□ 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock | CW | New York Stock Exchange |

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 8.01 Other Events

On November 2, 2020, Curtiss-Wright Corporation (the "Company") adopted a written trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Company implemented this written trading plan in connection with its previous announced share repurchase program, which was authorized by the Company's Board of Directors on October 26, 2020. Under the share repurchase program, the Company may purchase up to \$200 million of its outstanding common stock.

The trading plan will include purchases in the total amount of \$50 million executed equally over the course of calendar year 2021. This written trading plan will not be effected before January 4, 2021 and will cease on December 31, 2021.

Adopting a trading plan that satisfies the conditions of Rule 10b5-1 allows a company to repurchase its shares at times when it might otherwise be prevented from doing so due to self-imposed trading blackout periods or pursuant to insider trading laws. A broker selected by the Company will have the authority under the terms and limitations specified in the plan to repurchase shares on the Company's behalf in accordance with the terms of the plan. After the expiration of the current trading plan, the Company may from time to time enter into subsequent trading plans under Rule 10b5-1 to facilitate the repurchase of its common stock pursuant to its share repurchase program.

Information regarding share repurchases will be available in the Company's periodic reports on Form 10-Q and 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as required by the applicable rules of the Exchange Act.

This report contains forward-looking information, as that term is defined under the Exchange Act, including information regarding purchases by the Company of its common stock pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan. By their nature, forward-looking information and statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and contingencies, including changes in price and volume and the volatility of the Company's common stock; adverse developments affecting either or both of prices and trading of exchange-traded securities, including securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange; and unexpected or otherwise unplanned or alternative requirements with respect to the capital investments of the Company. The Company's 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 27, 2020, includes information regarding other risk factors and cautionary information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements or information, including those contained in this report.

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.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION By: /s/ K. Christopher Farkas K. Christopher Farkas Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 3, 2020