## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 5, 2014

# **Matrix Service Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-15461 (Commission File Number)

73-1352174 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5100 E Skelly Dr., Suite 700, Tulsa, OK (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

918-838-8822

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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)

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))

74135 (Zip Code)

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 5, 2014, Matrix Service Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the first quarter ended September 30, 2014. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99 attached hereto is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

Exhibit No. 99 Description

Press Release dated November 5, 2014, announcing financial results for the first quarter ended September 30, 2014.

#### 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.

#### Matrix Service Company

Dated: November 5, 2014

By:

/s/ Kevin S. Cavanah

Kevin S. Cavanah Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. 99 **Description** Press Release dated November 5, 2014, announcing financial results for the first quarter ended September 30, 2014.



#### MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER RESULTS AND MAINTAINS FISCAL 2015 REVENUE AND EARNINGS GUIDANCE

- Record backlog of \$984.7 million on first quarter awards of \$390.5 million
- Completed previously announced acquisition of central California upstream contractor, HDB Ltd.
- Strong operating performance on lower than expected revenues offset by the under recovery of construction overhead costs

TULSA, OK – November 5, 2014 – Matrix Service Company (Nasdaq: MTRX) today reported its financial results for the first quarter September 30, 2014.

John Hewitt, President and CEO of Matrix Service Company said, "Our quarterly results were impacted by lower than expected revenues which led to an under recovery of our construction overhead cost structure. The short-term decline in quarterly revenue is due principally to the timing of project starts. Despite these timing issues, our view of both the short and long-term success of the Company and the strength of our markets has not changed. Our rapid growth over the last three years, while positive, has resulted in inefficiencies in our processes and construction overhead cost structure. Accordingly and consistent with our long term strategic plan, a comprehensive review of our cost structure and business efficiency continues to be a key focus area."

#### First Quarter Fiscal 2015 Results

Late in the second quarter of fiscal 2014, the Company completed a significant acquisition which we now refer to as Matrix North American Construction ("Matrix NAC"). The first quarter of fiscal 2015 is post acquisition and therefore includes a full quarter of Matrix NAC activity. The acquisition impacted results primarily in the Electrical Infrastructure and Industrial segments.

Revenues for the first quarter ended September 30, 2014 were \$321.7 million compared to \$226.2 million in the same period a year earlier, an increase of \$95.5 million, or 42.2%. Net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$5.9 million compared to \$6.6 million in the same period a year earlier. Fully diluted earnings per share was \$0.22 compared to \$0.25 in the same period a year earlier. First quarter fiscal 2015 earnings were reduced by \$0.11 for under recovered construction overhead costs.

On a segment basis, revenues increased in our Industrial, Storage Solutions, and Electrical Infrastructure segments by \$56.7 million, \$25.2 million, and \$22.8 million, respectively. Revenues in the Oil Gas & Chemical segment declined by \$9.2 million. Fiscal 2015 gross margins were reduced by 1.8% to 8.8% due to under recovery of construction overhead costs caused primarily by lower than expected revenue. Gross margins were 11.3% in the same period a year earlier. Consolidated gross profit was \$28.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to \$25.5 million in the same period a year earlier. Selling, general and administrative costs were \$19.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to \$14.7 million in the same period a year earlier. Selling, general and administrative costs as a percent of revenue declined to 6.2% in fiscal 2015 compared to 6.5% in the same period a year earlier.

Revenues in the Electrical Infrastructure segment increased by \$22.8 million to \$55.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2015. The increase is due to the inclusion of Matrix NAC revenues in fiscal 2015 partially offset by lower business volumes in our legacy transmission and distribution business. A charge of \$3.3 million related to a power generation joint venture project reduced gross margins from 10.3% to (0.9%) in the first quarter of fiscal 2015. Gross margins in fiscal 2014 were 10.1%. In addition, fiscal 2015 gross margins were negatively impacted by the under recovery of construction overhead costs, primarily due to lower revenues in the legacy transmission and distribution business.

Revenues in the Oil Gas & Chemical segment decreased by \$9.2 million to \$53.3 million in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease was due primarily to lower levels of turnaround work. Gross margins were 8.2% in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to 12.1% in the same period a year earlier. In fiscal 2015 project execution remained strong. The decline in margins in this segment is due to under recovered construction overhead costs caused by the short-term decline in revenues. We expect

higher margins later in fiscal 2015 as work volumes increase leading to a more efficient utilization of construction overhead costs.

Revenues for the Storage Solutions segment increased by \$25.2 million to \$133.3 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 primarily due to higher levels of work in our domestic aboveground storage tank business and increased terminal work. The fiscal 2015 gross margin decreased to 10.9% compared to 11.9% in the same period in the prior year. Fiscal 2015 margins were negatively affected by the under recovery of construction overhead costs in certain parts of the business due to short-term delays in project start dates.

Revenues for the Industrial segment increased to \$79.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to \$22.7 million in the same period a year earlier. The increase of \$56.7 million was primarily due to the inclusion of Matrix NAC activity, which was not included in the same period a year earlier. Gross margins were 12.6% in the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to 7.8% in the same period a year earlier. The gross margins were higher than normal primarily due to profit recognized on favorable project completions.

#### Backlog

Backlog at September 30, 2014 totaled \$984.7 million, an increase of \$68.9 million, or 7.5%, compared to the backlog at June 30, 2014 of \$915.8 million. Project awards totaled \$390.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

#### **Financial Position**

Availability under the Company's credit facility of \$164.0 million along with the Company's cash balance of \$72.8 million provided liquidity of \$236.8 million at September 30, 2014.

#### **Stock Repurchase Program**

On November 4, 2014 the Board of Directors approved a new stock buyback program that expires on December 31, 2016. Under the new program, if sufficient liquidity exists and management believes it is undervalued relative to our peers, the Company may annually purchase, on a calendar year basis, up to \$25.0 million of the Company's common stock.

#### **Earnings Guidance**

The Company is maintaining its fiscal 2015 revenue guidance of between \$1.425 billion and \$1.525 billion and its earnings per fully diluted share guidance of between \$1.40 and \$1.60.

#### **Conference Call Details**

In conjunction with the earnings release, Matrix Service Company will host a conference call with John R. Hewitt, President and CEO, and Kevin S. Cavanah, Vice President and CFO. The call will take place at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern) / 10:00 a.m. (Central) on Thursday, November 6, 2014 and will be simultaneously broadcast live over the Internet which can be accessed at the Company's website at <u>matrixservicecompany.com</u> on the Investors' page under Conference Calls/Events. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download the streaming media software required to listen to the Internet broadcast. The conference call will be recorded and will be available for replay within one hour of completion of the live call and can be accessed following the same link as the live call.

#### **About Matrix Service Company**

Matrix Service Company provides engineering, fabrication, construction and repair and maintenance services to the Electrical Infrastructure, Oil Gas & Chemical, Storage Solutions and Industrial markets.

The Company is headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with regional operating facilities throughout the United States and Canada.

This release contains forward-looking statements that are made in reliance upon the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are generally accompanied by words such as "anticipate," "continues," "expect," "forecast," "outlook," "believe," "estimate," "should" and "will" and words of similar effect that convey future meaning, concerning the Company's operations, economic performance and management's best judgment as to what may occur in the future. Future events involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those we currently anticipate. The actual results for the current and future periods and other corporate developments will depend upon a number of economic, competitive and other influences, including those factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" and "Forward Looking Statements" sections and elsewhere in the Company's reports and filings made from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of these risks and uncertainties are beyond the control of the Company, and any one of which, or a combination of which, could materially and adversely affect the results of the Company's operations and its financial condition. We undertake no obligation to update information contained in this release, except as required by law.

#### For more information, please contact:

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#### **Consolidated Statements of Income**

## (In thousands, except per share data)

		Three Months Ended			
	Septer 2	September 30, 2014		eptember 30, 2013	
Revenues	\$	321,683	\$	226,217	
Cost of revenues		293,304		200,741	
Gross profit		28,379		25,476	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		19,832		14,714	
Operating income		8,547		10,762	
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense		(351)		(223)	
Interest income		42		5	
Other		57		(88)	
Income before income tax expense		8,295		10,456	
Provision for federal, state and foreign income taxes		3,624		3,904	
Net income	\$	4,671	\$	6,552	
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest		(1,243)		—	
Net income attributable to Matrix Service Company	\$	5,914	\$	6,552	
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.22	\$	0.25	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.22	\$	0.25	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic		26,470		26,116	
Diluted		27,134		26,647	

## **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

#### (In thousands)

	September 30, 2014		June 30, 2014	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	72,754	\$ 77,115	
Accounts receivable, less allowances (September 30, 2014— \$585 and June 30, 2014— \$204)		175,506	204,692	
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		89,819	73,008	
Deferred income taxes		6,953	5,994	
Inventories		3,006	3,045	
Income taxes receivable		143	2,797	
Other current assets		7,642	8,897	
Total current assets		355,823	 375,548	
Property, plant and equipment at cost:				
Land and buildings		31,813	31,737	
Construction equipment		84,886	82,745	
Transportation equipment		44,199	42,087	
Office equipment and software		26,208	26,026	
Construction in progress		7,948	9,892	
		195,054	192,487	
Accumulated depreciation		(106,408)	(103,315)	
		88,646	89,172	
Goodwill		72,065	69,837	
Other intangible assets		28,158	28,676	
Other assets		3,622	5,699	
Total assets	\$	548,314	\$ 568,932	

## **Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)**

## (In thousands, except share data)

	September 2014		June 30, 2014
Liabilities and stockholders' equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	95,231	\$ 111,863
Billings on uncompleted contracts in excess of costs and estimated earnings		103,708	108,440
Accrued wages and benefits		30,006	36,226
Accrued insurance		8,761	8,605
Income taxes payable		4,620	
Other accrued expenses		3,705	4,727
Total current liabilities		246,031	 269,861
Deferred income taxes		4,300	5,167
Borrowings under senior credit facility		11,344	11,621
Total liabilities		261,675	286,649
Commitments and contingencies			
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock—\$.01 par value; 60,000,000 shares authorized; 27,888,217 shares issued as of September 30, 2014, and June 30, 2014		279	279
Additional paid-in capital		120,129	119,777
Retained earnings		183,151	177,237
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(1,952)	(182)
		301,607	297,111
Less: Treasury stock, at cost— 1,372,446 shares as of September 30, 2014, and 1,453,770 shares as of June 30, 2014			
		(15,492)	(16,595)
Total Matrix Service Company stockholders' equity		286,115	280,516
Noncontrolling interest		524	1,767
Total stockholders' equity		286,639	282,283
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	548,314	\$ 568,932

## **Results of Operations**

## (In thousands)

	г	Three Months Ended			
	September 2014	September 30, 2014		September 30, 2013	
Gross revenues					
Electrical Infrastructure	\$ 5	5,673	\$	32,877	
Oil Gas & Chemical	5	4,199		62,792	
Storage Solutions	13	3,350		108,546	
Industrial	7	9,360		22,691	
Total gross revenues	\$ 32	2,582	\$	226,906	
Less: Inter-segment revenues					
Electrical Infrastructure	\$	_	\$	_	
Oil Gas & Chemical		840		297	
Storage Solutions		59		392	
Industrial		—		—	
Total inter-segment revenues	\$	899	\$	689	
Consolidated revenues					
Electrical Infrastructure	\$ 5	5,673	\$	32,877	
Oil Gas & Chemical	5	3,359		62,495	
Storage Solutions	13	3,291		108,154	
Industrial	7	9,360		22,691	
Total consolidated revenues	\$ 32	1,683	\$	226,217	
Gross profit (loss)					
Electrical Infrastructure	\$	(489)	\$	3,330	
Oil Gas & Chemical		4,386		7,531	
Storage Solutions	1	4,518		12,837	
Industrial		9,964		1,778	
Total gross profit	\$ 2	8,379	\$	25,476	
Operating income (loss)					
Electrical Infrastructure	\$ (	3,656)	\$	1,300	
Oil Gas & Chemical		578		3,263	
Storage Solutions		7,103		5,832	
Industrial		4,522		367	
Total operating income	\$	8,547	\$	10,762	

#### Backlog

We define backlog as the total dollar amount of revenues that we expect to recognize as a result of performing work that has been awarded to us through a signed contract, notice to proceed or other type of assurance that we consider firm. The following arrangements are considered firm:

- fixed-price awards;
- minimum customer commitments on cost plus arrangements; and
- certain time and material arrangements in which the estimated value is firm or can be estimated with a reasonable amount of certainty in both timing and amounts.

For long-term maintenance contracts and other established arrangements, we include only the amounts that we expect to recognize into revenue over the next 12 months. For all other arrangements, we calculate backlog as the estimated contract amount less revenues recognized as of the reporting date.

#### Three Months Ended September 30, 2014

The following table provides a summary of changes in our backlog for the three months ended September 30, 2014:

	Electrical frastructure	Oil Gas & Chemical		Storage Solutions	Industrial	Total
			(I	n thousands)		
Backlog as of June 30, 2014	\$ 162,136	\$ 110,217	\$	482,631	\$ 160,842	\$ 915,826
Project awards	43,560	88,641		188,698	69,618	390,517
Revenue recognized	 (55,673)	 (53,359)		(133,291)	 (79,360)	 (321,683)
Backlog as of September 30, 2014	\$ 150,023	\$ 145,499	\$	538,038	\$ 151,100	\$ 984,660