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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 May 18, 2018, Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. issued a press release announcing the appointment of Matthew May as Vice President, Global Business Development and award of an employee inducement incentive grant. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

* Press release dated May 18, 2018 regarding appointment of Matthew May as Vice President, Global Business Development and award of an employee inducement incentive grant.

*Furnished herewith.

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.

Date: May 18, 2018

OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

/s/ George H. Kirby III

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President and Chief Executive Officer

