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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 2, 2018**

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**Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Canada**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13425**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**N/A**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

9500 Glenlyon Parkway, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5J 0C6  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(778) 331-5500  
(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 (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))

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.

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

The Company issued a press release on February 2, 2018 announcing the departure of Jim Barr, Group President, Multichannel Products & Technologies. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Press release dated February 2, 2018</a>

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**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.

Dated: February 2, 2018

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

By: /s/ Darren Watt

Darren Watt

SVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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## PRESS RELEASE

# RITCHIE BROS. ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTURE

02/02/2018

VANCOUVER, Feb. 2, 2018 /CNW/ - Ritchie Bros. (NYSE & TSX: RBA), today announced that as a result of structural changes undertaken by the Company as part of its IronPlanet integration efforts, a mutual decision was reached with Jim Barr, Group President, that he will be leaving the Company effective Feb 16, 2018.

“I have greatly valued Jim’s partnership in helping me transform our company into a true multi-channel player. He has made significant contributions including championing the development of our digital roadmap, enhancing the digital customer experience, revitalizing Equipment One, being the lead integrator for the IronPlanet acquisition and providing strategic oversight to our listing service businesses. I wish Jim all the very best in his future endeavors.” commented Ravi Saligram, Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Saligram added, “We have a very talented, accomplished and experienced team of leaders in the Digital and Technology groups who will continue to flawlessly execute against our multi-channel strategy.”

### **About Ritchie Bros.**

Established in 1958, Ritchie Bros. (NYSE and TSX: RBA) is a global asset management and disposition company, offering customers end-to-end solutions for buying and selling used heavy equipment, trucks and other assets. Operating in a multitude of sectors, including construction, transportation, agriculture, energy, oil and gas, mining, and forestry, the company’s selling channels include: [Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers](#), the world’s largest industrial auctioneer offers live auction events with online bidding; [IronPlanet](#), an online marketplace with featured weekly auctions and providing its exclusive IronClad Assurance<sup>®</sup> equipment condition certification; [Marketplace<sup>ℓ</sup>](#), an online marketplace offering multiple price and timing options; [Mascus](#), a leading European online equipment listing service; and [Ritchie Bros. Private Treaty](#), offering privately negotiated sales. The company also offers sector-specific solutions including [GovPlanet](#), [TruckPlanet](#), [Kruse Energy Auctioneers](#), and Cat<sup>®</sup> auctions, plus equipment financing and leasing through [Ritchie Bros. Financial Services](#). For more information about the unprecedented choice provided by Ritchie Bros., visit [RitchieBros.com](#).

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