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**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: February 27, 2018

**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)

9500 Glenlyon Parkway, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5J0C6  
(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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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.**

On February 23, 2018, Eric Patel notified Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated (the "Company") of his decision to retire from service on its Board of Directors following the completion of his current term. Consequently, Mr. Patel will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the Company's 2018 Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders, which is to be held on May 8, 2018. Mr. Patel's decision to retire from the Board of Directors does not arise from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

**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 27, 2018

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

By: /s/ Darren Watt

Darren Watt

*General Counsel & Corporate Secretary*