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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 (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

February 5, 2018

Aspen Aerogels, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-36481

04-3559972

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

30 Forbes Road, Building B, Northborough,  
Massachusetts

01532

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(508) 691-1111

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:

- 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))

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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 (§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 [ X ]

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. [ X ]

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 6, 2018, Aspen Aerogels, Inc. issued a press release which is attached here as Exhibit 99.1.

The information set forth in the press release in the Exhibit together with the forward-looking statement disclaimer therein, is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in under this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished 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 under that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other 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 filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press release issued by Aspen Aerogels, Inc. on February 6, 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.

Date: February 6, 2018

Aspen Aerogels, Inc.  
By: /s/ John F. Fairbanks

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Name: John F. Fairbanks

Title: Vice President, Chief  
Financial  
Officer and Treasurer

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# ITC Issues Exclusion Order Prohibiting Import of Chinese Aerogel Insulation

*Commission finds Chinese companies infringe Aspen Aerogels patents*

**NORTHBOROUGH, Mass., February 6, 2018**— Aspen Aerogels, Inc. (NYSE: ASPN) (“Aspen Aerogels”) announced today that the United States International Trade Commission (“ITC”) has issued a limited exclusion order prohibiting the importation of infringing aerogel insulation manufactured by Guangdong Alison Hi-Tech Co. Ltd. (“Alison”) and Nano Tech Co., Ltd. (“Nano”). The exclusion order was issued as a remedy pursuant to a final determination in International Trade Commission Section 337 Investigation No. 1003 that Alison and Nano infringe Aspen Aerogels product and process patents relating to aerogel insulation. ITC exclusion orders are enforced by United States Customs and Border Protection after a sixty day presidential review period. The final determination may be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

“The ITC final determination and our recent win in Germany serve to validate the strength of the patent portfolio protecting our innovative aerogel technology platform. From the outset, we have maintained our firm belief that both Alison and Nano infringe our patents. We greatly appreciate the time and diligent work by the ITC to investigate and confirm our position,” said Don Young, President and CEO of Aspen Aerogels.

“Our core strategy is to invest in the research, development, commercialization, and protection of our aerogel technology platform worldwide. We remain firmly committed to defending our intellectual property and will continue to aggressively assert our patents against any company that who infringes our patented technology,” concluded Mr. Young.

## **About Aspen Aerogels, Inc.**

Aspen Aerogels is an aerogel technology company that designs, develops and manufactures innovative, high-performance aerogel insulation used primarily in the energy infrastructure and building materials markets where thermal energy efficiency is at a premium and Aspen’s products offer unique value. Headquartered in Northborough, Mass., Aspen Aerogels manufactures its Cryogel®, Pyrogel® and Spaceloft® products at its East Providence, R.I. facility.

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## **Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements**

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to be materially different from historical results or from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements are not historical facts but rather are based on Aspen Aerogels’ current expectations, estimates and projections regarding Aspen Aerogels’ business, operations and other factors relating thereto. Words such as “may,” “will,” “could,” “would,” “should,” “anticipate,” “predict,” “potential,” “continue,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “projects,” “believes,” “estimates,” “outlook,” and similar expressions are used to identify these forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding, among other things: (i) expectations about the outcome of the presidential review period and effectiveness of the exclusion order; (ii) beliefs about Aspen Aerogels’ intellectual property and technology strategy and its implementation; (iii) beliefs about the potential of new aerogel products and technologies; (iv) expectations about the cost, timing or likelihood of success of Aspen Aerogels’ patent enforcement actions and defense of challenges to the validity of its patents; (v) beliefs about Aspen Aerogels’ ability to fund necessary patent enforcement or defense actions. All such forward-looking statements are based on management’s present expectations and are subject to certain factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results, outcome of events, timing and performance to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: any failure to enforce any of Aspen Aerogels’ patents; any future finding of invalidity of any patent in any jurisdiction; any failure to generate sufficient operating cash flow or to obtain sufficient additional capital to pursue Aspen Aerogels’ technology, patent enforcement, or patent defense strategy; any sustained downturn in the energy industry or energy prices; any disruption or inability to achieve expected capacity levels in any of our three production lines or the manufacturing facility in which they are located; any failure of demand for Aspen Aerogels’ products; any failure to achieve expected average selling prices for Aspen Aerogels’ products; the failure of our products to become widely adopted; the competition Aspen Aerogels faces in its business; any failure of Aspen Aerogels’ products to meet applicable specifications and other performance, safety, technical and delivery requirements; the general economic conditions and cyclical demands in the markets that Aspen Aerogels serves; the economic, operational and political risks associated with sales and expansion of operations in foreign countries; the loss of any direct customer, including distributors, contractors and OEMs; compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; shortages of raw materials, utilities or any other manufacturing consumable; the maintenance and development of distribution channels; and the other risk factors discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on March 2, 2017, as amended by risk factors discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017 and filed with the SEC on November 3, 2017, as well as any updates to those risk factors filed from time to time in our subsequent periodic and current reports filed with the SEC. All statements contained in this press release are made only as of the date of this press release, and Aspen Aerogels does not intend to update this information unless required by law.