
**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): March 13, 2019

Aspen Aerogels, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-36481

(Commission File Number)

04-3559972
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**30 Forbes Road, Building B,
Northborough, MA**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01532
(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))

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.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 13, 2019, the Company 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 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.

Exhibit

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<u>Press Release issued by Aspen Aerogels, Inc. on March 13, 2019</u>

The press release may contain hypertext links to information on our website. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K and does not constitute a part of this Form 8-K.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Aspen Aerogels, Inc.

Date: March 13, 2019

By: /s/ John F. Fairbanks

Name: John F. Fairbanks

Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Aspen Aerogels Wins Patent Lawsuits Against Chinese Manufacturers

German court finds Chinese companies are infringing Aspen Aerogels' European patent and issues injunction

NORTHBOROUGH, Mass., March 13, 2019— Aspen Aerogels, Inc. (NYSE: ASPN) (“Aspen”) announced today that it has won its patent infringement lawsuits against Guangdong Alison Hi-Tech Co. Ltd. (“Alison”) and Nano Tech Co., Ltd. (“Nano”), in the Mannheim Regional Court in Germany. The Mannheim Court determined on March 8, 2019 that Alison and Nano infringe one of Aspen’s European patents, as extended to Germany (the “Aspen Patent”), by selling infringing aerogel insulation products. As part of the judgments, the Mannheim Court issued injunctions prohibiting the offer, distribution, use or import of infringing products in Germany and held Nano and Alison liable to Aspen for damages, court costs and certain of Aspen’s legal fees and expenses. The Mannheim Court’s decision is subject to an appeal to the Higher Regional Court of Karlsruhe. In a related lawsuit, the Mannheim Court had previously issued a series of judgments against Hiltex Technische Weefsels b.v., a Dutch reseller of the infringing Chinese aerogels.

In addition, the German Federal Patent Court in Munich found the Aspen Patent to be valid as granted in a patent nullity action initiated by Nano. The Munich Court’s decision follows other unsuccessful challenges to the validity of Aspen’s patents by Nano and Alison in the United States and China.

“Our core strategy is to invest in the research, development, commercialization and protection of our aerogel technology platform worldwide. These European patent wins, along with our 2018 victory at the U.S. International Trade Commission, reinforce the scope and strength of Aspen’s patent portfolio,” said Don Young, President and CEO of Aspen.

“These decisions also serve as clear notice to all companies that intend to purchase, import, use or resell infringing products that such actions are, simply put, illegal. We remain firmly committed to enforcing our intellectual property and recovering all compensation available to us under the law,” 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’s current expectations, estimates and projections regarding Aspen’s 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) the outcome of any appeals process in connection with patent enforcement actions; (ii) beliefs about Aspen’s intellectual property and technology strategy and its implementation; (iii) beliefs about Aspen’s aerogel technology platform and resulting commercial opportunities; (iv) expectations about the cost, timing or likelihood of success of Aspen’s patent

enforcement actions and validity challenges; (v) beliefs about Aspen's 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's patents; any future finding of invalidity of any patent in any jurisdiction or on appeal; any failure to obtain sufficient additional capital to pursue Aspen's technology, patent enforcement, or patent defense strategy; the competition Aspen faces in its business; the loss of any direct customer, including distributors, contractors and OEMs; 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, 2018 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 8, 2019, 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 does not intend to update this information unless required by law.