

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

FORM 8-K

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Washington, D.C. 20549

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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): July 1, 1998

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-13100

56-1871668

(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 872-4924

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

As previously reported, Highwoods Properties, Inc. ("Highwoods") has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as amended, the "Merger Agreement") with J. C. Nichols Company ("JCN"). JCN shareholders approved the merger (the "Merger") at a special meeting held on July 1, 1998.

As discussed in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus mailed to JCN shareholders on or about June 3, 1998, a lawsuit was filed in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri on January 8, 1998 by Dennis Wright against JCN, JCN's Board of Directors and Highwoods seeking certification of a class, an injunction preventing the Merger, and unspecified damages. On July 1, 1998, the court denied the plaintiff's request for a temporary restraining order ("TRO") enjoining the closing of the transaction.

The Merger is expected to close by July 15, 1998.

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.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Carman J. Liuzzo

Carman J. Liuzzo
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 2, 1998

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