

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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) October 1, 2018



Kimball[®] Electronics

KIMBALL ELECTRONICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-36454

(Commission File
Number)

35-2047713

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1205 Kimball Boulevard, Jasper, Indiana

(Address of principal executive offices)

47546

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (812) 634-4000

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 (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 (Section 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Section 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 8.01 Other Events

On October 1, 2018, Kimball Electronics, Inc. (the “Company”), acting through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, closed on its acquisition of substantially all the assets and assumption of certain liabilities of GES Holdings, Inc., Global Equipment Services and Manufacturing, Inc., and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “GES”), which was initially disclosed in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 17, 2018 and further discussed in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

The total purchase price was approximately \$50 million in cash plus assumed liabilities, subject to certain post-closing working capital adjustments. The cash purchase price was funded primarily with the Company’s primary credit facility.

The Company’s press release announcing the closing of the acquisition is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Certain statements contained within this document are considered forward-looking under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The statements may be identified by the use of words such as “believes,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “projects,” “estimates,” “forecasts,” “seeks,” “likely,” “future,” “may,” “might,” “should,” “would,” “will,” and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, successful integration of acquisitions and new operations, global economic conditions, geopolitical environment, significant reductions in volumes and order patterns from key contract customers, loss of key customers or suppliers, financial stability of key customers and suppliers, availability or cost of raw materials, impact related to tariffs and other trade barriers, and increased competitive pricing pressures reflecting excess industry capacities. Additional cautionary statements regarding other risk factors that could have an effect on the future performance of Kimball Electronics are contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Exhibit

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 1, 2018

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.

KIMBALL ELECTRONICS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael K. Sergesketter

MICHAEL K. SERGESKETTER

Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 1, 2018

Exhibit 99.1

Kimball Electronics Completes the Acquisition of Global Equipment Services (GES)

JASPER, Ind., Oct. 1, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Kimball Electronics, Inc. (Nasdaq: KE) announced today that it has, acting through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of GES Holdings, Inc., Global Equipment Services and Manufacturing, Inc., and its subsidiaries (collectively “GES”). As previously announced, the price was approximately \$50 million plus the assumed liabilities.

“The acquisition of GES is the first significant step in our new platform strategy and our plans to continue our development beyond EMS to a multifaceted manufacturing solutions company,” stated Chris Thyen, Vice President, New Platforms, Kimball Electronics, Inc. “GES brings us new technologies and capabilities in automation, test, and measurement that will open new doors with new and existing customers.”

“We are all very excited to be joining the Kimball family and to continue our journey with our new colleagues. Both companies have a long track record of customer service excellence. Together, we have an even greater opportunity to help build our customers’ success,” stated Don Tran, Vice President, General Manager, GES.

“I am delighted to welcome the GES global team and the additional expertise they will bring our global company,” stated Don Charron, Chairman and CEO, Kimball Electronics, Inc. “I look forward to working with Chris and Don Tran as we execute our new platform strategy involving GES and continue our relentless pursuit to build lasting relationships and global success.”

In fiscal year 2019, GES is expected to add 4 to 6%, reflecting seasonality, to Kimball Electronics consolidated net sales and to be neutral to slightly accretive to earnings per share.

About GES, Inc.

GES, headquartered in San Jose, California, specializes in production processing and test equipment design, volume manufacturing, and global services for the semiconductor and electronics product manufacturing industry. GES has business operations in China, India, Japan, the United States, and Vietnam.

To learn more about GES, visit: www.geservs.com.

About Kimball Electronics, Inc.

Recognized with a reputation for excellence, Kimball Electronics is committed to a high performance culture that values personal and organizational commitment to quality, reliability, value, speed, and ethical behavior. Kimball Electronics employees know they are part of a company culture that builds lasting relationships and global success for customers while enabling employees to share in the Company’s success through personal, professional, and financial growth.

Kimball Electronics trades under the symbol “KE” on The NASDAQ Stock Market. Kimball Electronics is a global contract electronic manufacturing services (“EMS”) company that specializes in durable electronics for the automotive, medical, industrial, and public safety end markets. Kimball Electronics also offers diversified contract manufacturing services for non-electronic components, medical disposables, plastics, and metal fabrication. Kimball Electronics is well recognized by customers and industry trade publications for its excellent quality, reliability, and innovative service. From its manufacturing operations in the United States, China, Mexico, Poland, Romania, and Thailand, Kimball Electronics provides contract manufacturing services, including engineering and supply chain support, which utilize common production and support capabilities to a variety of industries globally. Kimball Electronics is headquartered in Jasper, Indiana.

To learn more about Kimball Electronics, visit: www.kimballelectronics.com.

Lasting relationships. Global success.