
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): May 31, 2017

ALON USA ENERGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-32567
(Commission
File Number)

74-2966572
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

12700 Park Central Dr., Suite 1600
Dallas, Texas 75251
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(972) 367-3600**

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 8.01. Other Events.

On May 31, 2017, Alon USA Energy, Inc. (“Alon”) and Delek US Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Delek”) issued a joint press release announcing that, in connection with the proposed merger transaction between Alon and Delek, the registration statement on Form S-4 has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and that each of Alon and Delek has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC for the special meeting of their respective stockholders to vote on the previously announced merger transactions.

The press release is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Joint Press Release dated May 31, 2017.

SIGNATURE

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: May 31, 2017

ALON USA ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ James Ranspot

James Ranspot

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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99.1	Joint Press Release dated May 31, 2017.



Delek US Holdings and Alon USA Energy Announce Form S-4 Registration Statement Declared Effective by SEC

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. and Dallas, Texas—May 31, 2017 -- Delek US Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: DK) (“Delek US”) and Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) (“Alon”) today announced that, in connection with the proposed merger transaction between the two companies, the registration statement on Form S-4 has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and that each of Alon and Delek US has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC for the special meeting of their respective stockholders to vote on the previously announced merger transactions.

The special meeting of Delek US stockholders will be held on June 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. CT, at Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Arabian Room, 700 Cool Springs Boulevard, Franklin, TN 37067. All Delek US common stockholders of record as of the close of business on May 26, 2017, which is the record date for the special meeting, will be entitled to vote their common shares at the special meeting.

The special meeting of Alon’s stockholders will be held on June 28, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. CT, at 12712 Park Central Drive, Conference Room 1, Dallas, Texas 75251. All Alon common stockholders of record as of the close of business on May 26, 2017, which is the record date for the special meeting, will be entitled to vote their common shares at the special meeting.

Delek US currently owns approximately 33.7 million shares of common stock of Alon, or approximately 47 percent of Alon’s shares outstanding. Under terms of the agreement, the owners of the remaining outstanding shares in Alon that Delek US does not currently own will receive a fixed exchange ratio of 0.5040 Delek US shares for each share of Alon, with cash paid in lieu of fractional shares.

This transaction was unanimously approved by the Special Committee of Alon’s board of directors and by the board of directors of Delek US. Additionally, the board of directors of Alon approved the transaction, excluding Delek employed directors which abstained from voting on this matter. The transaction is expected to close on July 1, 2017, subject to certain closing conditions under the terms of the merger agreement, including receipt of the required approval of Delek US and Alon stockholders.

About Delek US Holdings, Inc.

Delek US Holdings, Inc. is a diversified downstream energy company with assets in petroleum refining and logistics. The refining segment consists of refineries operated in Tyler, Texas and El Dorado, Arkansas with a combined nameplate production capacity of 155,000 barrels per day. Delek US Holdings, Inc. and its affiliates also own approximately 63 percent (including the 2 percent general partner interest) of Delek Logistics Partners, LP. Delek Logistics Partners, LP (NYSE: DKL) is a growth-oriented master limited partnership focused on owning and operating midstream energy infrastructure assets. Delek US Holdings, Inc. currently owns approximately 47 percent of the outstanding common stock of Alon USA Energy, Inc.

About Alon USA

Alon USA Energy, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the South Central, Southwestern and Western regions of the United States. Alon owns 100% of the general partner and 81.6% of the limited partner interests in Alon USA Partners, LP (NYSE: ALDW), which owns a crude oil refinery in Big Spring, Texas, with a crude oil throughput capacity of 73,000 barrels per day and an integrated wholesale marketing business. In addition, Alon directly owns a crude oil refinery in Krotz Springs, Louisiana, with a crude oil throughput capacity of 74,000 barrels per day. Alon also owns crude oil refineries in California, which have not processed crude oil since 2012. Alon owns a majority interest in a renewable fuels facility in California, with a throughput capacity of 3,000 barrels per day. Alon is a leading marketer of asphalt, which it distributes primarily through asphalt terminals located predominately in the Southwestern and Western United States. Alon is the largest 7-Eleven licensee in the United States and operates approximately 300 convenience stores which also market motor fuels in Central and West Texas and New Mexico.

Safe Harbor Provisions Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are based upon current expectations and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Statements concerning current estimates, expectations and projections about future results, performance, prospects, opportunities, plans, actions and events and other statements, concerns, or matters that are not historical facts are “forward-looking statements,” as that term is defined under the federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the proposed merger with Alon, integration and transition plans, synergies, opportunities, anticipated future performance and financial position, and other factors.

Investors are cautioned that the following important factors, among others, may affect these forward-looking statements. These factors include but are not limited to: risks and uncertainties related to the expected timing and likelihood of completion of the proposed merger, including the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the proposed merger that could reduce anticipated benefits or cause the parties to abandon the transaction, the ability to successfully integrate the businesses, the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement, the possibility that stockholders of Delek US may not approve the issuance of new shares of common stock in the merger or that stockholders of Alon may not approve the merger agreement, the risk that the parties may not be able to satisfy the conditions to the proposed transaction in a timely manner or at all, risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed transaction, the risk that any announcements relating to the proposed transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of Delek US' common stock or Alon's common stock, the risk that the proposed transaction and its announcement could have an adverse effect on the ability of Delek US and Alon to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with their suppliers and customers and on their operating results and businesses generally, the risk that problems may arise in successfully integrating the businesses of the companies, which may result in the combined company not operating as effectively and efficiently as expected, the risk that the combined company may be unable to achieve cost-cutting synergies or it may take longer than expected to achieve those synergies, uncertainty related to timing and amount of future share repurchases and dividend payments, risks and uncertainties with respect to the quantities and costs of crude oil we are able to obtain and the price of the refined petroleum products we ultimately sell; gains and losses from derivative instruments; management's ability to execute its strategy of growth through acquisitions and the transactional risks associated with acquisitions and dispositions; acquired assets may suffer a diminishment in fair value as a result of which we may need to record a write-down or impairment in carrying value of the asset; changes in the scope, costs, and/or timing of capital and maintenance projects; operating hazards inherent in transporting, storing and processing crude oil and intermediate and finished petroleum products; our competitive position and the effects of competition; the projected growth of the industries in which we operate; general economic and business conditions affecting the southern United States; and other risks contained in Delek US' and Alon's filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results and will not be accurate indications of the times at or by which such performance or results will be achieved. Forward-looking information is based on information available at the time and/or management's good faith belief with respect to future events, and is subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. Delek US and Alon undertake no obligation to update or revise any such forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law or regulation.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication relates to a proposed business combination between Delek US and Alon. This announcement is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase, nor a solicitation of an offer to sell, any securities or the solicitation of any vote in any jurisdiction pursuant to the proposed transactions or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

*This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed transaction between Delek US and Alon. In connection with the proposed transaction, Delek Holdco filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC (Registration Statement No. 333-216298), which was declared effective by the SEC on May 26, 2017. Delek US and Alon have filed a joint proxy statement/prospectus and will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger with the SEC. Delek US and Alon began mailing the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective security holders on May 30, 2017. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, dated May 30, 2017, contains important information about Delek US, Alon, the proposed merger and related matters. This communication is not a substitute for the proxy statement, registration statement, proxy statement/prospectus or any other documents that Delek US or Alon may file with the SEC or send to stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. **STOCKHOLDERS OF DELEK US AND ALON ARE URGED TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING THE PROXY STATEMENT(S), REGISTRATION STATEMENT(S) AND/OR PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.** The definitive proxy statement(s) (when available) will be mailed to stockholders of Delek US and/or Alon, as applicable. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain copies of these documents, including the proxy*

statement/prospectus, and other documents filed with the SEC (when available) free of charge at the SEC's website, <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by Delek US will be made available free of charge on Delek US' website at <http://www.delekus.com> or by contacting Delek US' Investor Relations Department by phone at 615-435-1366. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by Alon will be made available free of charge on Alon's website at <http://www.alonusa.com> or by contacting Alon's Investor Relations Department by phone at 972-367-3808.

Participants in the Solicitation

Delek US and its directors and executive officers, and Alon and its directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Delek US common stock and Alon common stock in respect of the proposed transaction.

Information about the directors and executive officers of Delek US is set forth in the proxy statement for Delek US' 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 6, 2017, and in the other documents filed after the date thereof by Delek US with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Alon is set forth in the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, which was filed with the SEC on May 1, 2017, and in the other documents filed after the date thereof by Alon with the SEC. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction when it becomes available. You may obtain free copies of these documents as described in the preceding paragraph.

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