

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.
Form NT 10-K
April 02, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

Commission File Number: **814-00098**

(Check One): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q
 Form 10-D Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2017

Transition Report on Form 10-K Transition Report on Form 20-F
 Transition Report on Form 11-K Transition Report on Form 10-K
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the transition period ended:

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I – REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Equus Total Return, Inc.

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

700 Louisiana Street, 48th Floor

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number

Houston, TX 77002

City, State and Zip Code

PART II – RULES 12b-25 (b) and (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25 (b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

(b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III – NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

Due to unforeseeable circumstances relating to the receipt of information from operators of certain working interests held by Equus Energy, LLC (“Equus Energy”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the registrant, the audit of Equus Energy, to be contained as an exhibit to registrant’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, cannot be completed within the time limits prescribed by applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for non-accelerated filers.

PART IV

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Kenneth I. Denos (713) 529-0900

Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or (2) Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed If the answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

Equus Total Return, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 2, 2018 By: /s/ Kenneth I. Denos
Secretary