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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 18, 2016**

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-31560
(Commission File Number)

98-0648577
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**38/39 Fitzwilliam Square
Dublin 2, Ireland**

N/A

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(Address of principal executive office)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(353) (1) 234-3136**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Executive Title and Compensatory Arrangements

On October 18, 2016, Patrick O Malley's title was changed from that of Executive Vice President to Senior Vice President. Mr. O Malley will continue to advise the Chief Executive Officer of Seagate Technology Public Limited Company (the Company) on a range of strategic and operational issues. In connection with his new role, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board) determined to allow Mr. O Malley to remain eligible for Executive Vice President level benefits under the Fifth Amended and Restated Seagate Technology Executive Severance and Change in Control Plan, as described in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on September 9, 2016, for 12 months from the date of this change.

Equity Incentive Plan

On October 19, 2016, the shareholders of the Company voting at the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting (the AGM) approved the Second Amended and Restated Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the Equity Plan). The Equity Plan amends and restates the Company's existing Amended and Restated Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the Prior Plan) in order to increase the number of ordinary shares reserved for issuance under the Equity Plan by an additional 7,500,000 shares, from 64,549,079 shares to an aggregate of 72,049,079 shares. The Equity Plan became effective as of the date of its approval. The Prior Plan is described in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on September 9, 2016.

The Company's shareholders also approved the Rules of the Seagate Technology Public Limited Company 2012 Equity Incentive Plan For Share Awards Granted To Participants In France (the French Sub-Plan) at the 2016 AGM. Pursuant to French law, this shareholder approval allows equity grants that are made under the French Sub-Plan to individuals who are subject to taxation under French law to qualify as free grants of shares under French tax law, if so designated by the Compensation Committee of the Board (such grants are referred to as Free Share Grants). Any such Free Share Grants will be satisfied from the Equity Plan's share reserve and will have terms consistent with the Equity Plan. Free Share Grants will generally vest 50% after two years and then 25% over the next two years conditioned upon continued employment with vesting accelerated in the event of the death of a participant.

The above description of the Equity Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Equity Plan, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein. The above description of the French Sub-Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the French Sub-Plan, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On October 19, 2016, the shareholders of the Company voting at the Company's 2016 AGM approved by special resolutions the following amendments to the Company's Articles of Association (the Articles) and Memorandum of Association (retitled the Constitution of Seagate Technology Public Limited Company (the Constitution)) by such amendments:

- (a) To make administrative updates to the Articles to opt out of certain provisions of the Irish Companies Act 2014 (the Act) that took effect on June 1, 2015;
- (b) To make certain corresponding administrative updates to the Memorandum of Association to account for the adoption of the Act;
- (c) To amend the Articles to provide for a plurality voting standard in the context of a contested director election. Prior to such amendment, the Articles had a majority voting standard for all director elections; and
- (d) To amend the Articles to provide that, subject to limits set forth in the Articles, the size of the Board be set solely by resolution of the Board. Previously, subject to certain limits set forth in the Articles, the size of the Board was determined by the number of director nominees receiving a majority approval vote from shareholders.

Each of the foregoing amendments to the Articles and Memorandum of Association is described and disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on September 9, 2016 at pages 82 to 85. The foregoing description of the changes to the Articles and Memorandum of Association is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Constitution, which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On October 19, 2016, shareholders at the Company 2016 AGM: (1) elected all ten of the Company's nominees for directors; (2) held an advisory, non-binding vote on executive compensation matters, (3) approved the Equity Plan, (4) approved the French Sub-Plan, (5) ratified, in an advisory, non-binding vote, the appointment of Ernst & Young to serve as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and authorized, in a binding vote, the Audit Committee to set the auditors' remuneration, (6) approved certain administrative amendments to the Company's Articles and Memorandum of Association, (7) approved amendments to the Company's Articles and Memorandum of Association to provide for a plurality voting standard in the event of a contested director election and grant the Board sole authority to determine its size, (8) granted the Board authority to issue shares under Irish law, (9) granted the Board the authority to opt-out of statutory pre-emption rights under Irish law and (10) authorized the price range at which the Company can re-allot shares that it acquires as treasury shares under Irish law.

The final voting results on these proposals are as follows:

Proposal 1(a) - (j). To elect ten (10) directors to hold office until the Company's next AGM:

| | Nominees | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| (a) | Stephen J. Luczo | 201,705,343 | 7,198,102 | 5,164,044 | 44,820,626 |
| (b) | Frank J. Biondi, Jr. | 211,775,163 | 1,137,212 | 1,155,114 | 44,820,626 |
| (c) | Michael R. Cannon | 207,833,392 | 5,072,527 | 1,161,570 | 44,820,626 |
| (d) | Mei-Wei Cheng | 212,517,802 | 390,343 | 1,159,344 | 44,820,626 |
| (e) | William T. Coleman | 212,409,294 | 503,686 | 1,154,509 | 44,820,626 |
| (f) | Jay L. Geldmacher | 212,219,840 | 690,948 | 1,156,701 | 44,820,626 |
| (g) | Dr. Dambisa F. Moyo | 196,487,716 | 16,429,715 | 1,150,058 | 44,820,626 |
| (h) | Dr. Chong Sup Park | 211,580,812 | 1,327,052 | 1,159,625 | 44,820,626 |
| (i) | Stephanie Tilenius | 212,207,828 | 709,032 | 1,150,629 | 44,820,626 |
| (j) | Edward J. Zander | 212,229,384 | 688,560 | 1,149,545 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 2. To approve, in an advisory, non-binding vote, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 202,498,644 | 10,210,715 | 1,358,130 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 3. To approve an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 202,390,431 | 10,397,745 | 1,279,313 | 44,820,626 |

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Proposal 4. To approve the Rules of the Seagate Technology Public Limited Company 2012 Equity Incentive Plan for Share Awards Granted to Participants in France:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 206,183,615 | 6,523,846 | 1,360,028 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 5. To ratify, in an advisory, non-binding vote, the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors of the Company and to authorize, in a binding vote, the Audit Committee of the Board to set the auditors remuneration:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| 257,357,563 | 1,024,896 | 505,656 | |

Proposal 6A. To amend the Company's Articles of Association to make certain administrative amendments:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|
| 211,664,852 | 701,687 | 1,700,950 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 6B. To amend the Company's Memorandum of Association to make certain administrative amendments:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|
| 211,648,506 | 706,448 | 1,712,535 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 7A. To amend the Company's Articles of Association to provide for a plurality voting standard in the event of a contested director election:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|
| 211,746,068 | 994,573 | 1,326,848 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 7B. To amend the Company's Articles of Association to grant the Board sole authority to determine its size:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 210,920,212 | 1,833,860 | 1,313,417 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 8. To grant the Board the authority to issue shares under Irish law:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 247,048,279 | 10,733,533 | 1,106,303 | |

Proposal 9. To grant the Board the authority to opt-out of statutory pre-emption rights under Irish law:

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| 211,865,195 | 1,764,552 | 437,742 | 44,820,626 |

Proposal 10. To determine the price range at which the Company can re-allot shares that it acquires as treasury shares under Irish law:

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| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non Vote |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 253,346,336 | 4,417,870 | 1,123,909 | |

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits*

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
|-------------|--|
| 3.1 | Constitution of Seagate Technology Public Limited Company, as amended and restated by special resolution dated October 19, 2016. |
| 10.1 | Second Amended and Restated Seagate Technology plc 2012 Equity Incentive Plan |
| 10.2 | Rules of the Seagate Technology Public Limited Company 2012 Equity Incentive Plan For Share Awards Granted To Participants In France |

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, including, in particular, statements about the Company's current expectations regarding its restructuring plans, including the timing and scope, associated projected pretax charges, and the associated projected cost savings. These statements identify prospective information and may include words such as expects, intends, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, projects and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to the Company as of the date of this report and are based on management's current views and assumptions. These forward-looking statements are conditioned upon and also involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties, and other factors may be beyond the Company's control and may pose a risk to the Company's operating and financial condition. Such risks and uncertainties include the Company's ability to achieve projected cost savings in connection with its restructuring plans; the size and timing of the associated projected pretax charges; the timing and execution of plans and programs that may be subject to local labor law requirements, including consultations with appropriate work councils, assumptions related to severance and relocation costs; and assumptions related to cost savings, product demand/or operating efficiencies. Information concerning risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause results to differ materially from the expectations described in this report is contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on August 5, 2016, the Risk Factors section of which is incorporated into this report by reference, and other documents filed with or furnished to the SEC. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing the Company's views as of any subsequent date and the Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made.

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.

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

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| By: | /s/ Regan J. MacPherson |
| Name: | Regan J. MacPherson |
| Title: | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary |

Date: October 24, 2016