

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (415) 899-1555

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 2, 2018, Hennessy Advisors, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 2, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had declared a cash dividend of \$0.10 per share on its common stock, payable June 11, 2018, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 17, 2018. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The exhibit listed in the exhibit index below is furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release of Hennessy Advisors, Inc., dated May 2, 2018.

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.

**HENNESSY
ADVISORS, INC.**

May 2, 2018 By: /s/ Teresa M. Nilsen
Teresa M. Nilsen
President, Chief
Operating Officer, and
Secretary