

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP /DE/
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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): August 29, 2016

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-812 06-0570975
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)
10 Farm Springs Road
Farmington, Connecticut 06032-2568
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(860) 728-7000
N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

In advance of meetings with investors today, United Technologies Corporation (the “Company”) is announcing that the Company affirms its previously disclosed 2016 expectations as follows:

• Adjusted EPS of \$6.45 to \$6.60*;

• Sales of \$57 billion to \$58 billion (year over year growth of 2% to 3%, including organic sales growth of 1% to 3%*); and

• 2016 expectations for free cash flow, share repurchases, and the placeholder for acquisitions remain unchanged.

*Note: Expectations for EPS and organic sales are provided on an adjusted basis as the corresponding GAAP measures are not reasonably available due to uncertainty as to potentially significant items of a non-recurring and/or non-operational nature. See “Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures” below for additional information.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We report financial results in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”). These non-GAAP measures - namely, adjusted EPS, organic sales and free cash flow - should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for the related GAAP measures. Moreover, other companies may define these non-GAAP measures differently, which limits the usefulness of these measures for comparisons with such other companies.

Adjusted EPS represents diluted earnings per share from continuing operations (a GAAP measure), excluding restructuring costs and other significant items of a non-recurring and/or non-operational nature (hereinafter referred to as “other significant items”). Organic sales represent consolidated net sales (a GAAP measure) excluding the impact of foreign currency translation, acquisitions and divestitures completed in the preceding twelve months and other significant items. Management believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful in providing period to period comparisons of the results of the Company’s ongoing operational performance.

Free cash flow represents cash flow from operations (a GAAP measure) less capital expenditures. Management believes free cash flow is a useful measure of liquidity and an additional basis for assessing UTC’s ability to fund its activities, including the financing of acquisitions, debt service, repurchases of the Company’s Common Stock and distribution of earnings to shareowners.

When we provide our expectations for adjusted EPS, free cash flow, and/or organic sales on a forward-looking basis, a reconciliation of differences between these non-GAAP expectations and the corresponding GAAP measures (expected diluted EPS from continuing operations, expected cash flow from operations and sales) generally is not available without unreasonable

effort due to potentially high variability, complexity and low visibility as to the items that would be excluded from the GAAP measure in the relevant future period, such as the impact of other significant items on EPS, cash flow from operations and sales. The variability of the excluded items may have a significant, and potentially unpredictable, impact on our future GAAP results.

Cautionary Statement

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains statements which, to the extent they are not statements of historical or present fact, constitute "forward-looking statements" under the securities laws. From time to time, oral or written forward-looking statements may also be included in other information released to the public. These forward-looking statements are intended to provide management's current expectations or plans for our future operating and financial performance, based on assumptions currently believed to be valid. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "expectations," "plans," "strategy," "prospects," "estimate," "project," "target," "anticipate," "will," "should," "see," "guidance," "confident" and other words of similar meaning in connection with a discussion of future operating or financial performance. Forward-looking statements may include, among other things, statements relating to future sales, earnings, cash flow, results of operations, uses of cash, share repurchases and other measures of financial performance or potential future plans, strategies or transactions. All forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. For those statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, without limitation: (1) the effect of economic conditions in the industries and markets in which we operate in the U.S. and globally and any changes therein, including financial market conditions, fluctuations in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, levels of end market demand in construction and in both the commercial and defense segments of the aerospace industry, levels of air travel, financial condition of commercial airlines, the impact of weather conditions and natural disasters and the financial condition of our customers and suppliers; (2) challenges in the development, production, delivery, support, performance and realization of the anticipated benefits of advanced technologies and new products and services; (3) future levels of indebtedness and capital spending and research and development spending; (4) future availability of credit and factors that may affect such availability, including credit market conditions and our capital structure; (5) delays and disruption in delivery of materials and services from suppliers; (6) customer- and Company-directed cost reduction efforts and restructuring costs and savings and other consequences thereof; (7) the scope, nature, impact or timing of acquisition and divestiture activity, including among other things integration of acquired businesses into our existing businesses and realization of synergies and opportunities for growth and innovation; (8) new business opportunities; (9) our ability to realize the intended benefits of organizational changes; (10) the anticipated benefits of diversification and balance of operations across product lines, regions and industries; (11) the timing and scope of future repurchases of our common stock, which may be suspended at any time due to market conditions and the level of other investing activities and uses of cash; (12) the outcome of legal proceedings, investigations and other contingencies; (13) pension plan assumptions and future contributions; (14) the impact of the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements and labor disputes; (15) the effect of changes in political conditions in the U.S. and other countries in which we operate, including, but not limited to the effect of the U.K.'s pending withdrawal from the EU, on general market conditions and currency exchange rates in the near term and beyond; (16) and the effect of changes in tax, environmental, regulatory (including among other things import/export) and other laws and regulations in the U.S. and other countries in which we operate. For additional information identifying factors that may cause actual results to vary materially from those stated in

forward-looking statements, see our reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K filed with or furnished to the SEC from time to time. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we assume no obligation to update or revise such statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

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.

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: August 29, 2016 By: /S/ AKHIL JOHRI

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Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer