

ZILLOW GROUP, INC.
Form 8-K
February 10, 2017

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): February 9, 2017

ZILLOW GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

1301 Second Avenue, Floor 31, Seattle, Washington

001-36853
(Commission

File Number)

47-1645716
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

98101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(206) 470-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed on February 7, 2017, in July 2015, VHT, Inc. (VHT) filed a complaint against Zillow Group, Inc. (the Company) in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington alleging copyright infringement of VHT s images on the Zillow Digs site. In January 2016, VHT filed an amended complaint alleging copyright infringement of VHT s images on the Zillow Digs site, as well as the Company s listings site. In December 2016, the Court granted a motion for partial summary judgment that dismissed VHT s claims with respect to the Company s listing site. A federal jury trial began on January 23, 2017, and on February 9, 2017, the jury returned a verdict finding that the Company had infringed VHT s copyrights in images displayed or saved to the Digs site. The jury awarded VHT \$79,875 in actual damages and \$8.24 million in statutory damages. The Company intends to file motions in the district court seeking judgment for the Company on certain claims that are the subject of the verdict, and for a new trial on others. We intend to appeal any judgment that the court may enter on the verdict to the extent the district court does not set it aside as a result of these motions. The Company is seeking coverage from its insurance carrier for reimbursement of all recoverable legal expenses and any damages underlying the verdict that are not vacated.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K 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 that involve risks and uncertainties. Statements containing words such as may, believe, anticipate, expect, intend, plan, project, will, proje or similar expressions constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in the forward-looking statements. Differences may result from actions taken by the Company, as well as from risks and uncertainties beyond the Company s control, including the availability of insurance coverage for legal expenses and damages. Factors that could cause results to differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements can be found under the caption Risk Factors in Zillow Group, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and in the Company s other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as may be required by law, the Company does not intend, nor undertake any duty, to update this information to reflect future events or circumstances.

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.

Dated: February 10, 2017

ZILLOW GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ KATHLEEN PHILIPS

Name: Kathleen Philips

Title: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Legal Officer, and
Secretary