#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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): March 22, 2016

## **Energy Recovery, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-34112 (Commission File Number) <u>01-0616867</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>1717 Doolittle Dr. San Leandro, CA 94577</u>

(Address if Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

<u>510-483-7370</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The Company is furnishing with this report a presentation prepared by our management which will be posted on our website after this report is filed.

The Company is not undertaking to update this presentation. This report is not intended as a statement concerning the materiality of any information contained in the presentation.

The full text of the presentation is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) ExhibitsExhibit Number

Description

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Management Presentation.

#### SIGNATURE

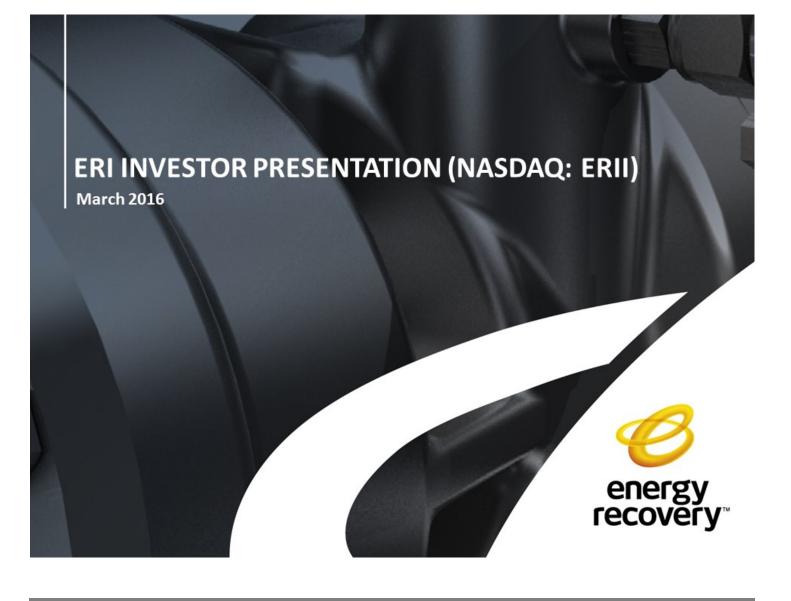
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 23, 2016

Energy Recovery, Inc.

By: /s/ Chris Gannon

Chris Gannon Chief Financial Officer

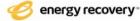


### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

This presentation contains forward-looking statements within the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements in this presentation include statements about market trends, possible future revenue growth, and business strategy. These statements represent our current expectations about future events, are based on assumptions, and involve risks and uncertainties.

If the risks or uncertainties occur or the assumptions prove incorrect, then our results may differ materially from those set forth or implied by the forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially. A detailed discussion of these factors and uncertainties is contained in the reports of the Company files with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this presentation except as required by law.



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### ENERGY RECOVERY SNAPSHOT

#### Who We Are

- o An energy solution provider
- A technology leader in applying fluid dynamics and advanced materials science

#### What We Do

- Create markets to preserve or eliminate pumps that are subject to and destroyed by hostile process fluids
- o Convert wasted pressure energy into a reusable asset

#### **Key Developments**

- Signed 15-year license in October 2015 with Schlumberger ("SLB) for VorTeq Technology
- Installed first energy recovery device in Saudi Aramco production portfolio
- Stock up 300% since SLB agreement peaking at \$10.08 from \$2.47, while S&P 500 Energy Index is down 7%<sup>(1)</sup>



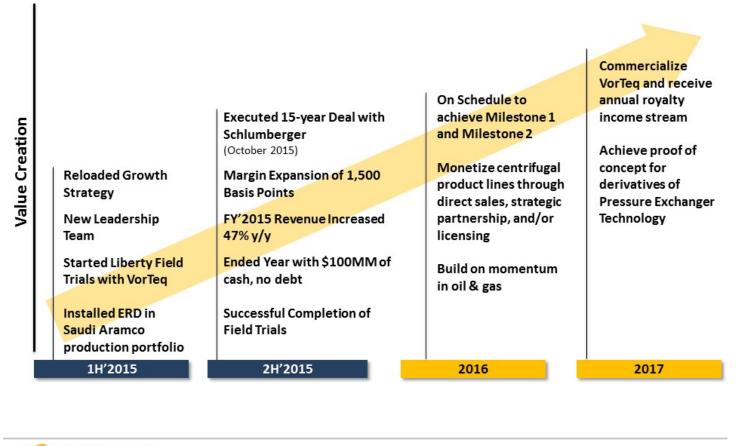


(1) Stock performance based on October 18, 2015- March 17, 2016

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#### TRANSFORMATIONAL YEAR IN THE EVOLUTION OF OUR COMPANY



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### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



#### Validation of New Corporate Strategy & Reconstituted Management Team

- o Corporate speed and agility
- o Signed 15 year exclusive licensing agreement with Schlumberger



#### **Financial Strength**

- o Industry leading balance sheet (~\$100MM in cash, no debt)
- o Momentum to achieve break-even profitability in 2016



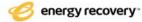
#### Line of sight to significant growth

- o Commercialize VorTeq Technology
- o Further penetration of Saudi Aramco production portfolio



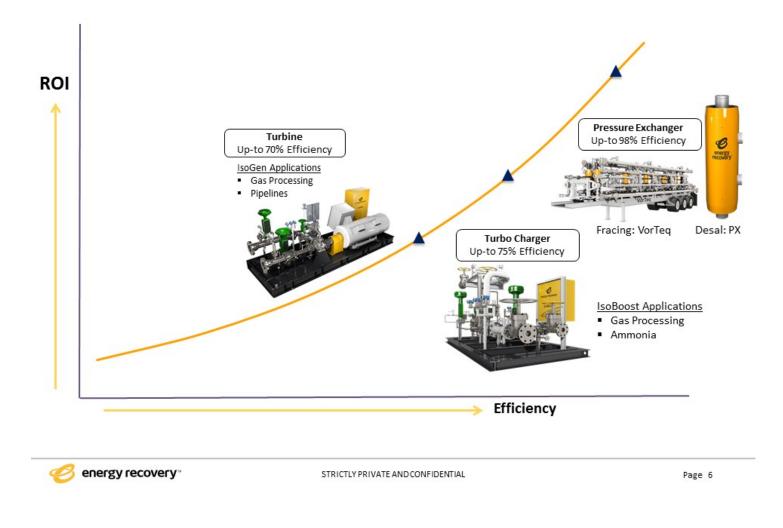
#### **Perpetual Innovation**

- o Pressure exchanger technology, adaptable to other industries
- Target-rich product development road map
- o World-class Engineering talent

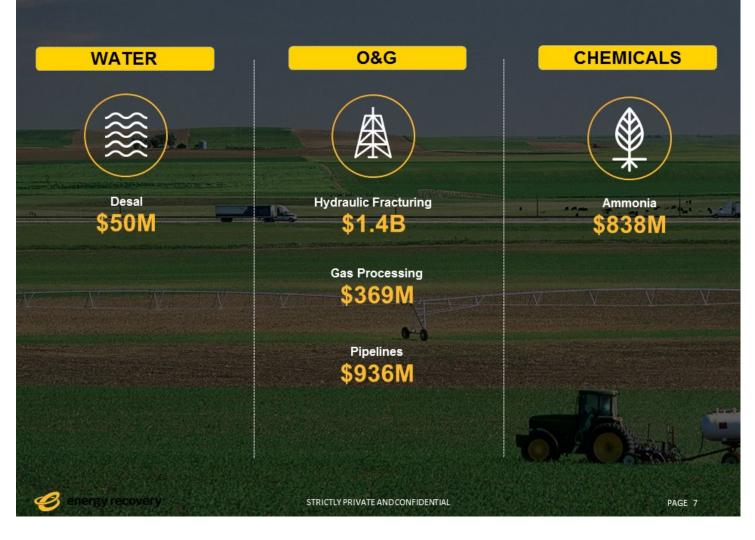


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#### **PRODUCT PORTFOLIO**



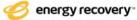
## \$4 BILLION GLOBAL RECURRING MARKETS





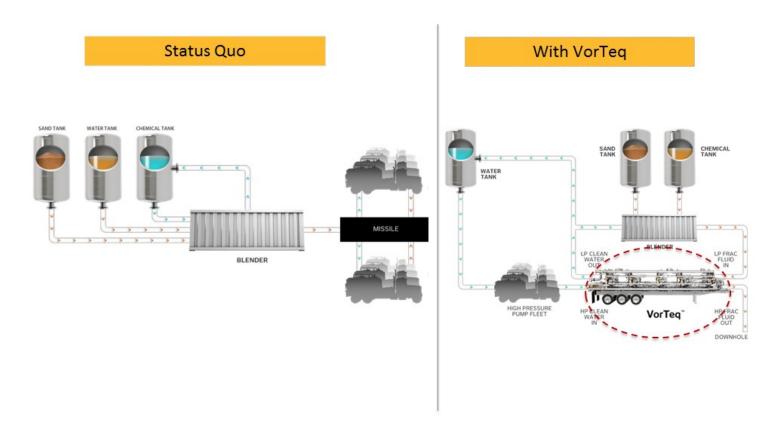
### SIGNED 15-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SCHLUMBERGER

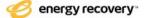
- Agreement provides exclusive rights to ERI's VorTeq<sup>™</sup> Hydraulic Pumping System
  - Commercializes the VorTeq<sup>™</sup> technology with one of the industry's most respected oil-field services companies
- Highlights
  - 2015: Schlumberger paid an upfront \$75M exclusivity fee
  - 2016: Schlumberger will pay two separate \$25M milestone payments (for a total of \$50M) subject to certain KPI's
  - 2017 2030
    - ✓ Annual royalties of \$1.5M per VorTeq
    - ✓ \$80 -\$200M in steady-state royalty income subject to satisfying KPI's
  - Minimum adoption curves
    - ✓ Existing pumping model beginning in 2017, 100% fleet penetration by 2022
    - ✓ New pumping model beginning in 2020, 100% fleet penetration by 2025
  - Royalty payments on a "take or pay" basis



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### VORTEQ INTEGRATION

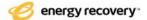




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### **VALUE PROPOSITION – 3 ORDERS OF VALUE CREATION**

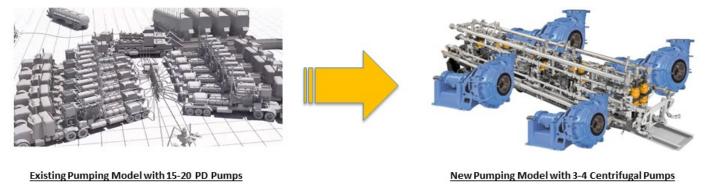


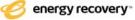


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## 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDER VALUE PROP – PARADIGM SHIFT







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### **SPEED & AGILITY – PATH TO COMMERCIALIZATION**

#### Milestone I

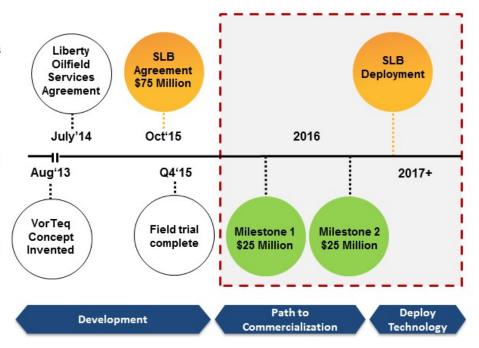
 Successfully complete 5 frac stages performed at Schlumberger test facility and satisfy certain KPI's

#### Milestone II

 KPI: Successfully complete 20 frac stages performed at actual well and satisfy certain KPI's

#### Commercialization

- Deployment in SLB fleet anticipated in 2017
- Minimum adoption curve to reach 100% fleet penetration in 5 years



#### On schedule to achieve milestone I & II in 2016 resulting in \$50 million payment



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### **DESALINATION – OUR FIRST DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY**

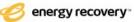
#### The "PX Pressure Exchanger"

- 16,000 PX Devices Installed Worldwide
- 3-Month Payback
- 25-year Life with No Maintenance
- Dominant Global Market Share
- 60%+ Gross Margins
- Compelling Short and Long Term Market Opportunity
  - Global Water Demand / Supply Gap



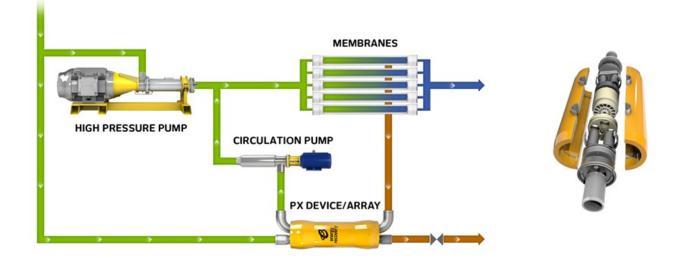
"So disruptive, it's almost too good to be true."

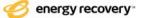




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### DESALINATION WITH PX PRESSURE EXCHANGER





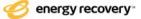
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#### PAIN POINTS

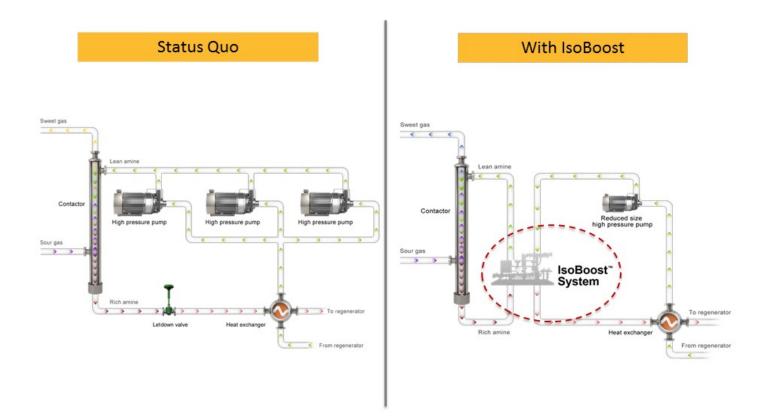


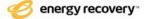
## **Common Denominator: Pumps**



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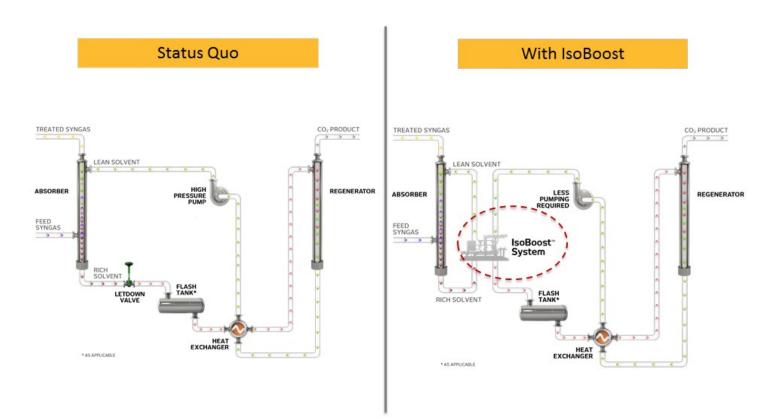
### **OUR SOLUTION – GAS PROCESSING**

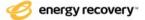




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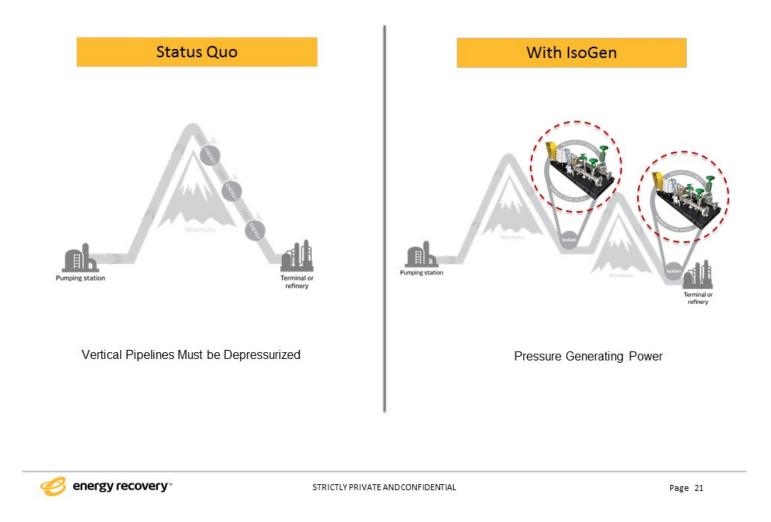
### **OUR SOLUTION - AMMONIA**





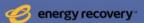
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### **OUR SOLUTION - PIPELINES**





# Strategic Imperatives Short Term and Long Term Goals

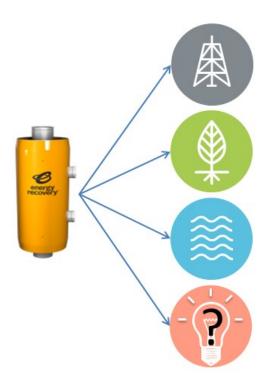


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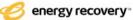
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### PERPETUAL INNOVATION – PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- Develop "PX as a Pump" applications that increase ERI's total addressable market and support the following criteria:
  - High rates of fluid flow
  - High pressure differentials
  - High degrees of capital intensity in the form of pumping assets
- Innovation is in our DNA highlighted by meaningful R&D capital spend
  - 27.5% of OPEX in 2014
  - 20.2% of OPEX in 2015
- Invest in our future
  - Monetize intellectual property, balancing risk and return



#### Develop derivatives of Pressure Exchanger Technology every 24 months, in annual cycles



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### SHAREHOLDER VALUE CREATION: STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES



Commercialize VorTeq - on schedule to achieve milestone I and II in 2016, begin deployment in 2017



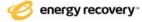
Innovate and achieve proof of concept of new products that are derivatives of Pressure Exchanger Technology every 24 months, in annual cycles



Enhance market position in Desalination



Monetize centrifugal product lines (IsoBoost and IsoGen) through direct sales, strategic partnership, and/or licensing



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