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): March 21, 2017

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) $\frac{01\text{-}0616867}{\text{(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)}}$

1717 Doolittle Dr. San Leandro, CA 94577

(Address if Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

510-483-7370

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The Company is furnishing with this report an investor presentation that will be used by the Company in meetings with investors and analysts from time to time. The presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference and will also be posted on our website at http://www.energyrecovery.com.

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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) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 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 21, 2017

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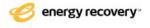
By: /s/ William Yeung William Yeung General Counsel



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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 report include, but are not limited to, statements about our expectations, objectives, anticipations, plans, hopes, beliefs, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Forward-looking statements that 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. Our forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or events. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," variations of such words, and similar expressions are also intended to identify such forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict; therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's opinions only as of the date of this presentation. All forward-looking statements included in this presentation are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements, as disclosed from time to time in our reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q, and 8-K as well as in our Annual Reports to Stockholders and, if necessary, updated in our quarterly reports on Form 10 Q or in other filings. We assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. It is important to note that our actual results could differ materially from the results set forth or implied by our forward-looking statements.



ENERGY RECOVERY SNAPSHOT

Who We Are

An energy solutions provider and technology leader in applying fluid dynamics and advanced materials science

Pressure Energy is our Arbitrage

What We Do

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

Core End-Markets

OIL & GAS

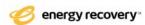


WATER

CHEMICALS







HISTORY OF ENERGY RECOVERY

1992 - 2014



Developed Pressure Exchanger Technology



Invested in R&D



Established Market Leadership in Desalination



Increased shipments of Energy Recovery Devices Worldwide





New Corporate Strategy and Management Team



Signed 15-year license with Schlumberger



Installed first Energy Recovery device in Saudi Aramco production portfolio



Revenues up 47% in 2015

2016



Commenced collaborative VorTeq testing with Schlumberger



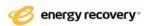
Secured largest purchase order in company history



Record company gross margins



2014-2016 revenue CAGR of >30%



INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Growth

- Commercialize VorTeq Technology
- Further penetration of Saudi Aramco production portfolio
- New product introduction and early stage partner in 2017



Perpetual Innovation

- Pressure exchanger technology, adaptable to other industries
- Target-rich product development road map
- World-class engineering talent critical mass of PhD assets



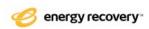
Validation of New Corporate Strategy & Management Team

- Signed 15 year exclusive licensing agreement with Schlumberger
- Corporate speed and agility new product introductions on 12 month cycle



Financial Strength

Industry leading balance sheet (~\$100MM in cash, no debt)

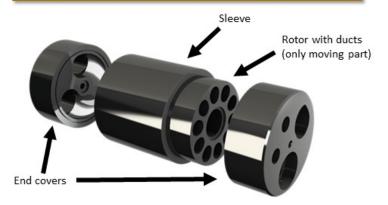


CORE TECHNOLOGY – THE PRESSURE EXCHANGER

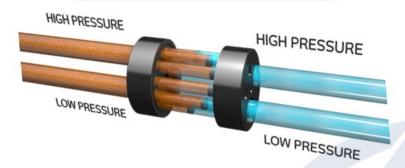
Desalination PX Cutaway

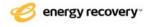
Tungsten Carbide PX for Energy Applications





Pressure Exchange in Motion





PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

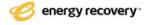
WATER



Making Desalination
Affordable

Pressure Exchanger





OIL & GAS





Hydraulic Fracturing: VorTeq

CHEMICALS



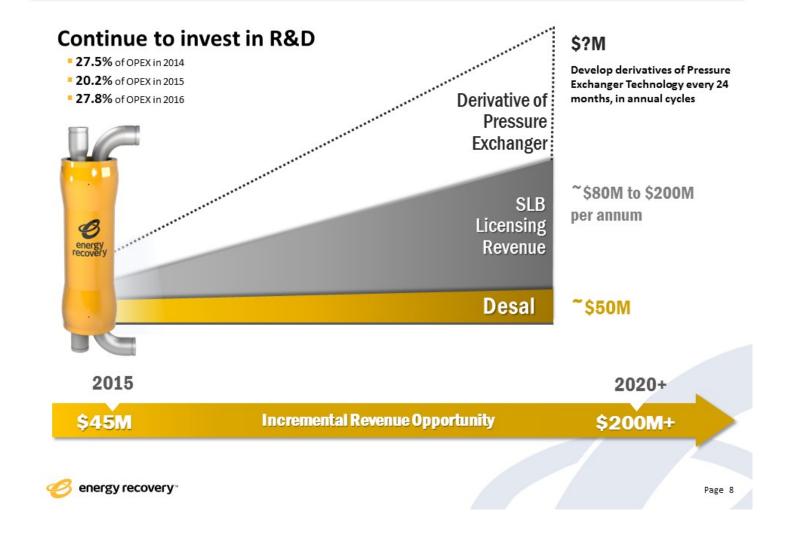
IsoBoost Applications Gas Processing



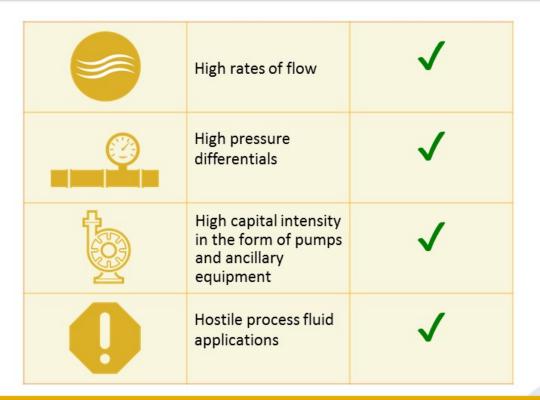


- IsoGen Applications
 - Gas Processing
 - Pipelines
 - Ammonia

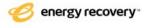
UBIQUITOUS TECHNOLOGY WITH SIGNIFICANT GROWTH



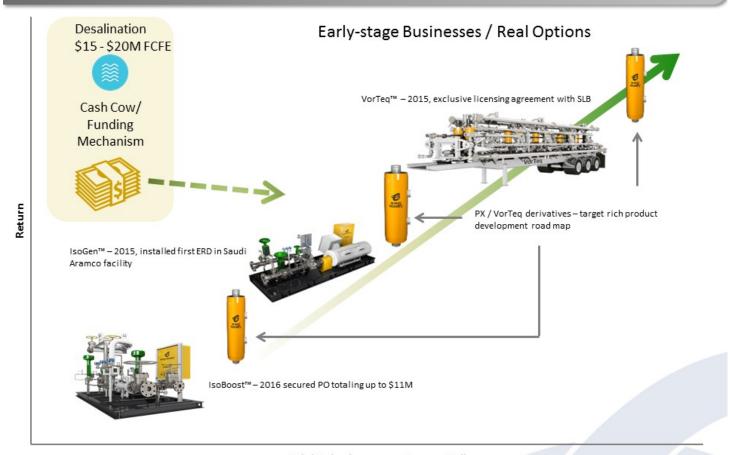
NEW PRODUCT AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT



Flow x Pressure Differential = Energy Density



EFFICIENT FRONTIER OF PRODUCT OPTIONALITY

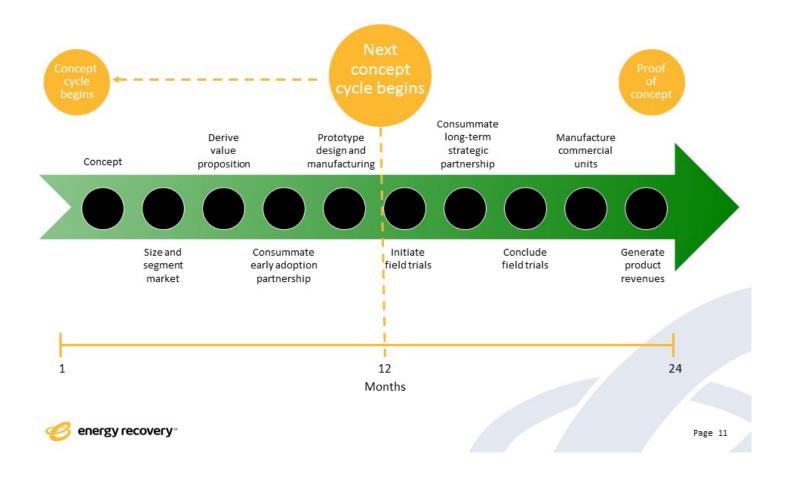


Risk (technology, execution, capital)

energy recovery

GO TO MARKET STRATEGY

Targeting 24 month development cycles, commencing every twelve months



~\$4B NEAR-TERM ADDRESSABLE MARKET OPPORTUNITY



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DESALINATION – OUR FIRST DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

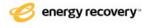
The "PX Pressure Exchanger"

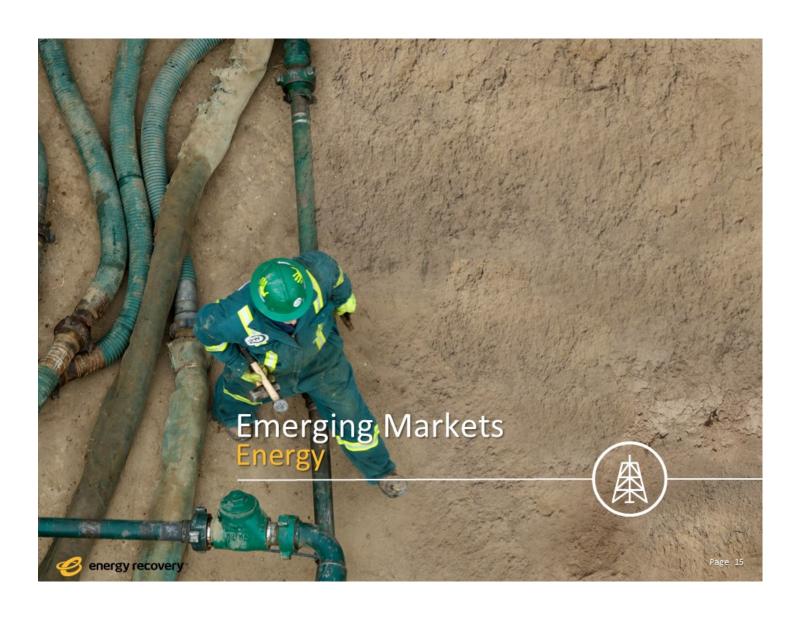
- 17,000 PX Devices Installed Worldwide
- 25-year Life with No Maintenance
- Dominant Global Market Share
- 60%+ Gross Margins

Compelling Short and Long Term Market Opportunity

- Global Water Demand / Supply Gap
- Expand Product Offering and Procurement Vehicle Options Energy Services Agreements

Significant Cash Flow Funds Growth Initiatives



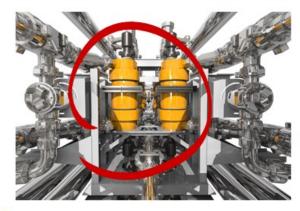


VORTEQ HYDRAULIC PUMPING SYSTEM

Hydraulic Piston Concept



PX on Missile



Fluid Flows in Pressure Exchanger



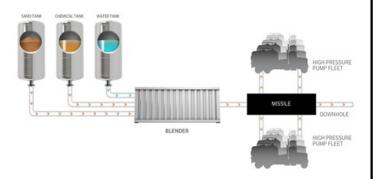
VorTeq Missile



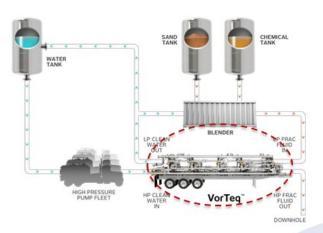
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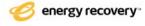
VORTEQ INTEGRATION

Status Quo



With VorTeq





STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

IS VORTEQ DISRUPTIVE?

Status Quo Existing Pumping Model with 15 to 20 PD Pumps

Centrifugal Pump Model

New Pumping Model with 3 to 4 Centrifugal Pumps

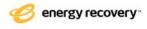


3 Centrifugal Pump Model \$8M to \$12M p/yr p/fleet*



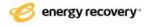
Decreased Pump Redundancy / Lower CAPEX: \$1M to \$2M p/yr p/fleet*

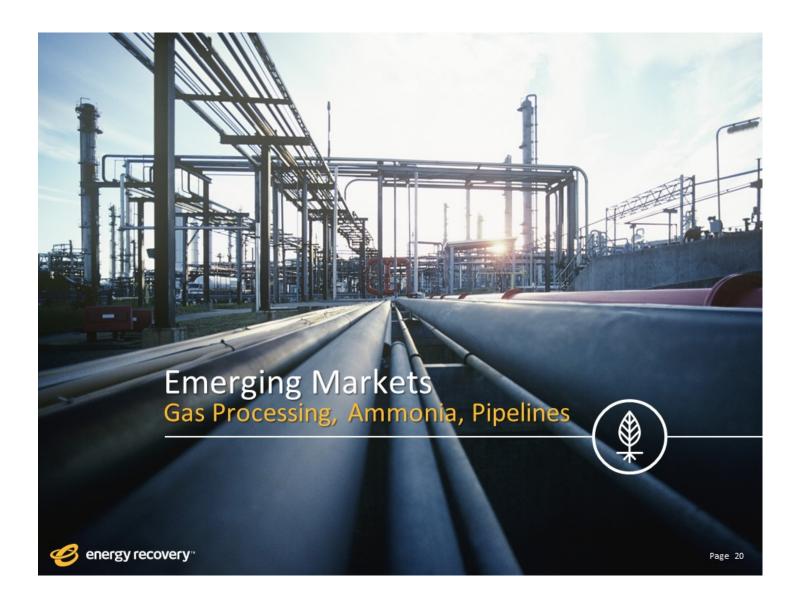
*ERI estimates



SLB LICENSING AGREEMENT STRUCTURE

- Agreement provides exclusive rights to ERI's VorTeq™ Hydraulic Pumping System for on-shore hydraulic fracturing (Field of Use)
 - Commercializes the VorTeq[™] technology with one of the industry's most respected oil-field services companies
- Highlights
 - Schlumberger paid an upfront \$75M exclusivity fee (15 year revenue recognition)
 - Schlumberger will pay two separate \$25M milestone payments (for a total of \$50M) subject to certain KPI's (revenue recognition in period milestone achieved)
 - ✓ Milestone 1: Frac on test well at SLB Oklahoma facility
 - ✓ Milestone 2: Frac on E&P well
 - Commercialization and royalties
 - √ New manifold/missile design implemented and ready for field use
 - ✓ Upon commercialization, royalty rate of \$1.5M per VorTeq per year
 - ✓ Royalty payments on a "take or pay" basis





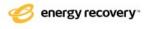
OUR SOLUTION – GAS PROCESSING AND AMMONIA

IsoBoost recovers pressure energy and increases reliability of pumping systems

- Save Millions of Dollars in Energy over life of plant
- Improve Reliability, Availability, Maintainability
- Decrease Carbon Footprint

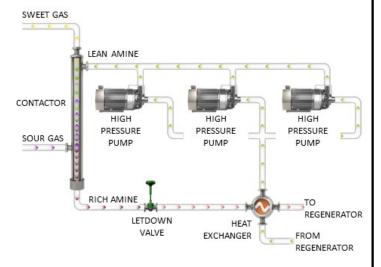


Helps plants save energy, reduce maintenance, and run more profitably



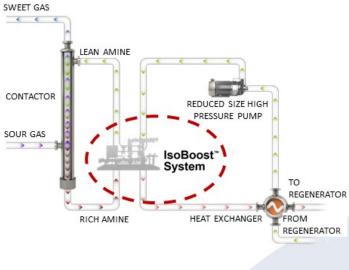
OUR SOLUTION – GAS PROCESSING AND AMMONIA

Status Quo



Wasted Pressure Energy & High Pump CAPEX

With IsoBoost

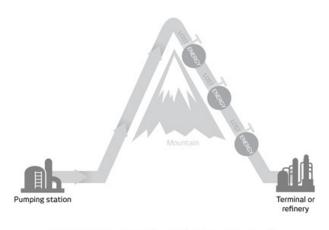


Reduced OPEX & Pump CAPEX

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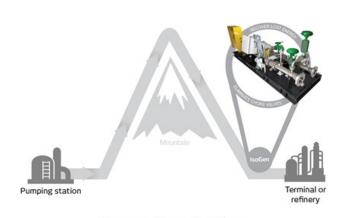
OUR SOLUTION - PIPELINES

Status Quo

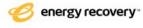


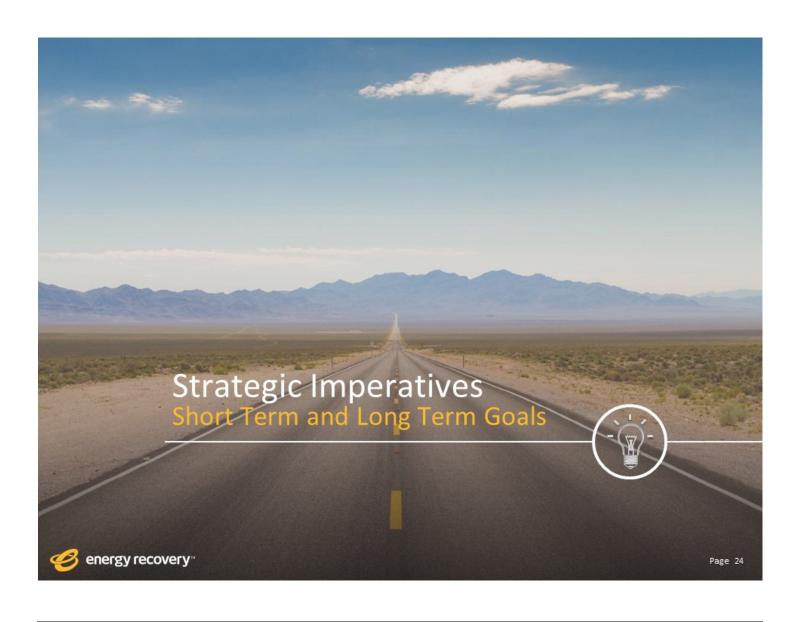
Vertical Pipelines Must Be Depressurized

With IsoBoost



Pressure Generating Power





STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES



Commercialize VorTeq

- On schedule to achieve Milestone I and II in 2017
- Deployment estimated to commence in 2018



Product Innovation

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



Market Expansion

Enhance market position in Desalination



Monetize Centrifugal Product Lines

 Monetize IsoBoost and IsoGen through direct sales, strategic partnership, and/or licensing



