

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 26, 2018, Sonic Automotive, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal third quarter ended March 31, 2018 (the “Earnings Press Release”). A copy of the Earnings Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and a copy of the earnings call presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 26, 2018, in the Earnings Press Release, the Company announced the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	<u>Press Release of Sonic Automotive, Inc., dated 4/26/2018.</u>
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99.2 Earnings Call Presentation Materials.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “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, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

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.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Date: April 26, 2018 By: /s/ STEPHEN K. COSS

Stephen K. Coss

Senior Vice President and General Counsel