

EZCORP INC

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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): February 4, 2019 (February 4, 2019)

EZCORP, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-19424
(Commission
File Number)

74-2540145
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2500 Bee Cave Road, Bldg One, Suite 200, Rollingwood, Texas 78746
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 314-3400

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 — Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 4, 2019, EZCORP issued a press release announcing it will retire at maturity its \$195 million 2.125% Cash Convertible Senior Notes Due 2019 using cash on hand. The full text of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information set forth, or referred to, in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other filing made by EZCORP under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, unless such subsequent filing specifically references this Item 7.01 of this Report.

Item 9.01 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

[99.1 Press Release of EZCORP, Inc. dated February 4, 2019](#)

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.

EZCORP, INC.

Date: February 4, 2019

By: /s/ Thomas H. Welch, Jr.

Thomas H. Welch, Jr.

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary



EZCORP To Retire Convertible Notes Using Cash on Hand

Austin, Texas (February 4, 2019) - EZCORP, Inc. (NASDAQ: EZPW) today announced that it will retire at maturity its \$195 million aggregate principal amount of 2.125% Cash Convertible Senior Notes Due 2019 (the "2019 Notes") using cash on hand. The 2019 Notes were issued in 2014 and will mature on June 15, 2019.

Chief Executive Officer Stuart Grimshaw stated, "We have explored a variety of alternatives related to the maturity of the 2019 Notes, including refinancing through an exchange or new issuance. In the end, we have sufficient confidence in our existing cash balances and the ongoing cash generating capabilities of our business that we believe the current best use of our cash for the company and our shareholders is to pay off the 2019 Notes when they mature in June. Of course, we continue to explore accretive acquisition opportunities, both large and small, and may choose to pursue additional debt, equity or equity-linked financings in the future should the need arise."

The Company's balance of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2018 was \$297 million.

ABOUT EZCORP

Formed in 1989, EZCORP has grown into a leading provider of pawn loans in the United States and Latin America. It also sells merchandise, primarily collateral forfeited from pawn lending operations and used merchandise purchased from customers. We are dedicated to satisfying the short-term cash needs of consumers who are both cash and credit constrained, focusing on an industry-leading customer experience. EZCORP is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol EZPW and is a member of the Russell 2000 Index, S&P SmallCap 600 Index, S&P 1000 Index and Nasdaq Composite Index.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements regarding the retirement of the company's current debt obligations. These statements are based on the company's current intentions and expectations as to the outcome and timing of future events. All statements, including statements regarding the company's strategy, initiatives and future performance, that address activities or results that the company plans, expects, intends, believes, projects, estimates or anticipates, will, should or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Actual results for future periods may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements due to a number of uncertainties and other factors, including operating risks, liquidity risks, legislative or regulatory developments, market factors or current or future litigation. For a discussion of these and other factors affecting the company's business and prospects, see the company's annual, quarterly and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time.

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