ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC Form 8-K July 24, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMIS Washington, D.C. 20549	SION	
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 Repor	ted): July 24, 2017	
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its continuous)	harter)	
Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-4797 (Commission File No.)	36-1258310 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
155 Harlem Avenue, Glenview, IL (Address of principal executive offices)		60025 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area	a code: 847-724-7500	
Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed s	since last report.)	
Indicate by check mark whether the registran Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rul chapter).		company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this
Emerging growth company [ ]		
		ant has elected not to use the extended transition and ards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the
Check the appropriate box below if the Form the registrant under any of the following prove [] Written communications pursuant to Rule [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14a-12 [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rul	visions: 425 under the Securities 2 under the Exchange Acuant to Rule 14d-2(b) un	et (17 CFR 240.14a-12) der the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 24, 2017, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (the "Company") announced its 2017 second quarter results of operations in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company uses free cash flow to measure cash flow generated by operations that is available for dividends, share repurchases, acquisitions and debt repayment. The Company believes this non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in evaluating the Company's financial performance and measures the Company's ability to generate cash internally to fund Company initiatives. Free cash flow represents net cash provided by operating activities less additions to plant and equipment. Free cash flow is a measurement that is not the same as net cash flow from operating activities per the statement of cash flows and may not be consistent with similarly titled measures used by other companies. A reconciliation of free cash flow to net cash provided by operating activities is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The Company uses adjusted after-tax return on average invested capital ("ROIC") to measure the effectiveness of its operations' use of invested capital to generate profits. ROIC is a non-GAAP financial measure that the Company believes is a meaningful metric to investors in evaluating the Company's financial performance and may be different than the method used by other companies to calculate ROIC. Adjusted average invested capital represents the net assets of the Company, excluding cash and equivalents and outstanding debt, which are excluded as they do not represent capital investment in the Company's operations, as well as the Company's equity investment in the Wilsonart business (formerly the Decorative Surfaces segment). Average invested capital is calculated using balances at the start of the period and at the end of each quarter. A calculation of ROIC is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

## (d)Exhibits

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

Press Release issued by Illinois Tool Works Inc. dated July 24, 2017 (furnished pursuant to Item

2.02).

## **SIGNATURES**

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

## ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Dated: July 24, 2017 By: /s/ Michael M. Larsen

Michael M. Larsen

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer