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

**FORMS-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

UNIT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

73-1283193

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8200 South Unit Drive

Tulsa, Oklahoma

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(918)-493-7700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Second Amended and Restated Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Andrew E. Harding

Associate General Counsel

Unit Corporation

8200 South Unit Drive

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132

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(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer ☒

Smaller reporting company ☐

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 under Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. ☐

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.20 per share	2,500,000	\$17.51 ⁽²⁾	\$43,775,000 ⁽²⁾	\$5,073.52

- (1) This Registration Statement covers 2,500,000 additional shares available for issuance under the Second Amended and Restated Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan dated May 6, 2015, as amended. This Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock that become issuable under the plan, by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction that results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Registrant.
- (2) For purposes of determining the registration fee, the maximum per share and aggregate offering prices have been determined under Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of the average of the high and low selling prices of the Common Stock of the Registrant as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on June 5, 2017.

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INCORPORATION OF PRIOR REGISTRATION STATEMENT BY REFERENCE

This Registration Statement relates to the registration of additional shares of common stock of Unit Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Registrant"), to be issued under the Second Amended and Restated Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan dated May 6, 2015, as amended (the "Plan"). The additional shares relate to the amendment of the Plan approved by the stockholders of the Registrant at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 3, 2017, to, among other things, increase the number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the Plan from 4,500,000 shares to 7,000,000 shares. The contents of (a) the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-135194, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 21, 2006, (b) the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-181922, filed with the Commission on June 6, 2012, and (c) the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-205033, filed with the Commission on June 17, 2015, each relating to the Plan, are each hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement, except as amended hereby, under General Instruction E of Form S-8.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by the Registrant with the Commission (other than any portions of the filings that are furnished rather than filed under applicable Commission rules) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, filed on February 28, 2017, as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed with the Commission on March 30, 2017;
- (b) the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017, filed with the Commission on May 4, 2017;
- (c) the Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 23, 2017 (Item 5.02 only) and April 4, 2017, and the Registrant's second Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 4, 2017; and
- (d) the description of the Registrant's common stock set forth in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Amended Form 8-B, dated October 7, 1986, filed with the Commission, including any amendment or report filed before or after this Registration Statement for the purpose of updating the description.

All documents filed by the Registrant under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (excluding any information furnished pursuant to any Current Report on Form 8-K), after the effective date of this Registration Statement and before the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement indicating that all securities offered by this Registration Statement have been sold or deregistering all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Registration Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Mark E. Schell, General Counsel of the Registrant, will issue an opinion for the Registrant regarding the validity of the shares of common stock offered by this Registration Statement. Mark E. Schell beneficially owns 187,976 shares of our common stock.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
5	Opinion and consent of Mark E. Schell, Esq.*
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.*
23.2	Consent of Mark E. Schell, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5).*
23.3	Consent of Ryder Scott Company, L.P.*
24	Power of Attorney (included on signature page).*
99.1	Second Amended and Restated Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan dated May 6, 2015 (filed on May 8, 2015 as Exhibit 10 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference).
99.2	Amendment Number 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan dated May 3, 2017 (filed on May 4, 2017 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference).

* Filed with this Registration Statement.

SIGNATURES

Under the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma on this 8th day of June, 2017.

UNIT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark E. Schell

Name: Mark E. Schell

Title: Senior Vice President and
General Counsel

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below appoints Mark E. Schell and Larry D. Pinkston, and each of them, as that person's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in that person's name, place and stead, in the capacities indicated below, to sign any and all pre- and post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto the attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully and for all intents and purposes as that person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Under the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Name	Title	Date
<u>/s/ J. Michael Adcock</u> J. Michael Adcock	Chairman of the Board and Director	June 8, 2017
<u>/s/ Larry D. Pinkston</u> Larry D. Pinkston	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 8, 2017
<u>/s/ David T. Merrill</u> David T. Merrill	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 8, 2017
<u>/s/ Don Hayes</u> Don Hayes	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	June 8, 2017
<u>/s/ Gary R. Christopher</u> Gary R. Christopher	Director	June 8, 2017

/s/ Steven B. Hildebrand ----- Steven B. Hildebrand	Director	June 8, 2017
/s/ Carla S. Mashinski ----- Carla S. Mashinski	Director	June 8, 2017
/s/ William B. Morgan ----- William B. Morgan	Director	June 8, 2017
/s/ Larry C. Payne ----- Larry C. Payne	Director	June 8, 2017
/s/ G. Bailey Peyton IV ----- G. Bailey Peyton IV	Director	June 8, 2017
/s/ Robert J. Sullivan, Jr. ----- Robert J. Sullivan, Jr.	Director	June 8, 2017

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* Filed herewith.

June 8, 2017

Unit Corporation
8200 South Unit Drive
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132

Gentlemen:

As General Counsel and Secretary of Unit Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), I have supervised the preparation of the registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, relating to the registration of 2,500,000 shares of the common stock, par value \$.20 per share, of the Company ("Common Stock"). The Common Stock is to be issued by the Company on the exercise of stock options and other awards granted under the Second Amended and Restated Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan dated May 6, 2015, as amended (the "Plan").

In reaching the conclusions expressed in this opinion, I have (a) examined the certificates of public officials and of corporate officers and directors and such other documents and matters as I have deemed necessary or appropriate, (b) relied on the accuracy of facts and information set forth in all such documents, and (c) assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as copies, and the authenticity of the originals from which all such copies were made.

Based on, and subject to, the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the Common Stock is duly authorized and, on issuance of the Common Stock in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and the instruments of award or grant (including, without limitation, payment of the exercise price thereof), will be, assuming no change in the applicable law or pertinent facts, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I am a member of the bar of the State of Oklahoma. My opinion expressed above is limited to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, the Delaware General Corporation Law and the federal laws of the United States of America, and I do not express any opinion herein concerning the laws of any other jurisdiction. As used herein, the term "Delaware General Corporation Law" includes the statutory provisions contained therein, all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and judicial decisions interpreting those laws as of the date of this opinion.

I consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to my name in the Registration Statement and the prospectus constituting a part thereof under the caption "Legal Opinion." In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933 or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued thereunder.

/s/ Mark E. Schell

Mark E. Schell, Esq.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated February 28, 2017, relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Unit Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Tulsa, Oklahoma
June 8, 2017

Consent of Ryder Scott Company, L.P.

We consent to incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated January 26, 2017, which appears in Uni Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

/s/ Ryder Scott Company, L.P.

Houston, Texas

June 8, 2017