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INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST Form 8-K December 12, 2016

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): December 12, 2016

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

North Dakota (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-35624 (Commission File Number)

45-0311232 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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of Incorporation or Organization)

1400 31st Avenue SW, Suite 60 Post Office Box 1988 Minot, ND 58702-1988

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(701) 837-4738

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed from last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

and

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

An earnings release issued by the Company on December 12, 2016, regarding financial and operational results for the three and six months ended October 31, 2016, is attached as Exhibit 99.1, and certain supplemental information regarding the Company's capital, portfolio and tenant analyses and development and acquisition activity not included in the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

This information pursuant to Item 7.01 and Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, is being furnished. This information is not deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not incorporated by reference into any Securities Act registration statements.

ITEM 9.01Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

- 99.1 Earnings Release issued December 12, 2016, regarding financial and operational results for the three and six months ended October 31, 2016
- 99.2 Supplemental information

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.

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

By/s/ Timothy P. MihalickDate:December 12, 2016Chief Executive Officer