

STRYKER CORP
Form 8-K
December 15, 2014

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 15, 2014

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan	0-9165	38-1239739
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan	49002
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 269.385.2600

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:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On December 15, 2014, Stryker Corporation (the “Company”) increased the size of its commercial paper program to permit the issuance of commercial paper notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.25 billion at any time outstanding. Prior to this increase, the commercial paper program permitted the Company to issue commercial paper notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500 million at any time outstanding.

The commercial paper notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy notes under the Company’s commercial paper program.

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.

STRYKER CORPORATION
(Registrant)

December 15, 2014
Date

/s/ WILLIAM R. JELLISON
William R. Jellison
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer