

WHEN DOES A COMPANY STOP BEING AN EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY?¹

Upon the earliest of:

- Last day of first fiscal year in which total annual gross revenues are > \$1.235 billion
 - If EGC exceeds this limit prior to completion of IPO process, it may retain benefits through IPO completion or up to a year, if earlier
- Last day of fiscal year that is five years after date of first public equity sale (e.g., pricing of the IPO)
- Date on which the company has issued more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt in the preceding three-year period
- Last day of fiscal year in which the company becomes a Large Accelerated Filer, which requires:
 - Equity held by non-affiliates of \$700 million or more (measured as of the last business day of the issuer's most recently completed second fiscal quarter);
 - Subject to reporting requirements for at least 12 calendar months;
 - Filed at least one annual report; and
 - Not a smaller reporting company

| DISQUALIFYING CONDITION (DECEMBER 31 FISCAL YEAR END) | DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY WOULD CEASE TO BE AN EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY | FIRST PERIODIC REPORT THAT MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NON-EGCS |
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| The company had total gross annual revenues of \$1.235 billion or more for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. | December 31, 2023 | Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (which should also include auditor's attestation report pursuant to Item 308(b) of Regulation S-K). |
| The company first sold its common equity securities in a registered offering in May 2018. | December 31, 2023 | Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (which should also include auditor's attestation report pursuant to Item 308(b) of Regulation S-K, unless the company is an accelerated filer). |
| The company issued more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt between June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2023. | May 31, 2023 | Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. |
| The company is deemed to be a Large Accelerated Filer as of December 31, 2023. | December 31, 2023 | Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (which should also include auditor's attestation report pursuant to Item 308(b) of Regulation S-K). |

(1) See definition of Emerging Growth Company in [15 USC § 77b\(a\)\(19\)](#).

IMPLICATIONS OF LOSS OF EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY STATUS

Following the loss of ESG-status, public companies are required to:

1. Comply with increased executive compensation disclosure obligations, including narrative compensation discussion and analysis (CD&A) section under Item 402 of Regulation S-K;
 - CD&A should address the objectives, policies and elements of a company's executive compensation program as well as how that program is implemented and the Company must tailor the disclosure to its own individual situation.
 - Equity award grant practices for executive officers should also be addressed in the CD&A section.
2. Expand Summary Compensation Table to cover five (rather than three) named executive officers and cover three (rather than two) fiscal years' information;
3. Include, as necessary, additional compensation tables under Item 402 of Regulation S-K regarding:
 - Grants of Plan-Based Awards
 - Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End
 - Option Exercises and Stock Vested
 - Pension Benefits
 - Non-qualified Deferred Compensation
4. Comply with the requirements on (1) "say-on-pay" and "say-on-frequency" shareholder votes in Rule 14a-21(a) and (b); (2) shareholder approval of golden parachute compensation in Rule 14a-21(c); and (3) pay ratio disclosure in Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K;
5. Provide audited financial statements for three fiscal years (rather than two);
6. Provide an auditor attestation of internal control over financial reporting under Sarbanes-Oxley Act Section 404(b); and
7. Comply with new or amended accounting standards adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements.