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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): November 14, 2017

BIO-key International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-1346341-1741861(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3349 Highway 138, Building A, Suite E Wall, NJ 07719

(Address of principal executive offices)

(732) 359-1100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

eck 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 visions (see General Instruction A.2 below):
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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n 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 sed financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 14, 2017, BIO-key International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for its third quarter of 2017. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on November 14, 2017 is attached as Exhibit 99.

The information, including the exhibit attached hereto, in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Fi nancial Information and Exhibit.

- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished herewith:
- 99.1 Press Release, dated November 14, 2017, issued by the Company.

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.

Date: November 15, 2017

 ${\sf BIO\text{-}KEY\ INTERNATIONAL,\ INC.}$

By: /s/ Cecilia C. Welch

Cecilia C. Welch Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated November 14, 2017, issued by the Company.



Biometric ID Provider BIO-key's Q3 Revenues Rose 118% to \$0.9M

Hosts Call Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. ET

Wall, NJ, November 14, 2017 – BIO-key International, Inc. (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of biometric software and hardware systems and consumer products offering strong and convenient security and user access, today reported results for its third quarter (Q3'17) and first nine months ended September 30, 2017, reviewed recent business developments and updated its full year outlook. BIO-key will host an investor conference call tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. ET (details below).

Financial Highlights:

- Q3'17 revenues rose 118% to \$942K vs. \$431K in Q3'16
- Hardware sales rose 133% to \$512K, reflecting increased demand, broader distribution and an expanded range of fingerprint readers as well as the company's new TouchLock line of biometric-enabled padlocks.
- TouchLock sales totaled \$164K in Q3'17, reflecting initial orders in Asian markets leading up to the product line's launch in the U.S. in the current quarter.

Recent Operational Highlights:

- U.S. Sales Launch of TouchLock™ Biometric and Bluetooth Enabled Padlocks
- · Government Defense Contractor Deploys BIO-key Windows-Compatible Fingerprint Readers
- · Insurance Provider Strengthened User Sign-in with BIO-key Fingerprint Biometric Solution
- · Australian Govt. Agency Selected BIO-key's ID Director Software and SideSwipe Readers
- · Global Financial Institution selected BIO-key to Secure Windows 10 Devices in 189 Countries
- Japanese Security Systems Integrator DDS ordered 30K SideSwipe readers for Asian markets
- · BIO-key shares were listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market effective July 25th

Michael DePasquale, Chairman & CEO of BIO-key, commented, "Hardware sales continued to grow at an encouraging pace as we are experiencing increasing demand and interest in our expanded range of products. Our Windows 10 compatible fingerprint readers made a significant contribution to revenues in the quarter along with another solid contribution from our new line of biometric and Bluetooth enabled locks.

"In order to build visibility and support expanded sales, we continue to expand our retail and online distribution. To this end, we recently launched our own e-commerce website (www.shopbio-key.com) targeted primarily to consumers. Managing our own online marketplace should provide valuable customer insights such as product preferences, purchasing patterns and the effectiveness of various sales and marketing programs.

"We also believe that social media will prove to be a productive channel for building consumer awareness. Recent marketing promotions generated customer inquiries that led to modest sales activity that we expect to increase as we invest more in these digital platforms. Our hardware products are also available via **Amazon.com** and our TouchLock line will be added at select e-tailers and retailers over the next several months.

"Software license sales remain the least predictable part of our business given the size and complexity of enterprise customers and their purchasing practices. Nevertheless, we have made solid progress year to date and the persistent wave of cyber attacks continues to underscore the risks of failing to deploy stronger security measures. As organizations increase their willingness to take proactive measures to protect their critical infrastructure, we are confident the security, user-friendliness and lower cost of ownership of our solutions will drive growth in enterprise software sales over time.

"Overall, we do see a changing sense of urgency for finding and deploying two-factor authentication solutions. This trend, combined with the attractiveness of our consumer offerings should provide solid opportunities for growth and improved bottom line performance."

Financial Guidance

Based on our pipeline of hardware, software and consumer product opportunities as well as our growing global footprint we remain confident in BIO-key's long-term growth potential. Given our performance year-to-date and anticipated software license renewals, contracted service revenues and consumer product growth, we are reaffirming the low-end of our previous revenue guidance range of \$6 million, which would represent year-over-year growth of approximately 100%.

Financial Highlights

Q3'17 total revenues increased 118% to \$942,417 compared to \$431,463 in Q3'16, reflecting solid increases in hardware sales and software service fees which more than offset a decrease in software maintenance and support revenue. For the nine months ended September 30 of 2017, sales increased 154% to \$3,247,633 from \$1,277,869 in the prior-year period.

Hardware sales rose 134% to \$512,281 in Q3'17, refecting increased demand and interest in our hardware offerings and our expanded base of products and distribution channels. Q3'17 hardware sales included our new line of biometric enabled locks that resulted in sales of approximately \$164,000. Hardware sales increased 293% to \$1.7 million in first nine months of 2017 compared to the prior-year period.

Custom service revenues increased 4715% to \$260,000 in Q3'17 compared to \$5,400 in Q3'16 in connection with a special software requirement from an existing customer while recurring maintenance and service revenues decreased 36% to \$117,000 from \$182,000 in Q3'16 due to the non-renewal of two maintenance contracts.

Gross profit margins decreased to 2% in Q3'17 from 60% in Q3'16, reflecting a higher percentage of hardware sales that carry lower margins, as well as \$388,681 of non-cash amortization, primarily related to our license to the Finger Q portfolio of mobile and online payment security software technologies.

Q3'17 operating expenses increased to \$1.6M from \$1.5M, principally due to a 34% increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, primarily related to our Hong Kong subsidiary, commitment fees, non-cash compensation, Nasdaq related fees and commissions, partially offset by a reduction in research, development and engineering costs in the period.

BIO-key's Q3'17 net loss was (\$1.6M), or (\$0.28) per share after preferred dividends, as compared to (\$1.1M), or (\$0.24) per share after preferred dividends, in Q3'16. The higher loss was primarily due to the decrease in gross margin. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, BIO-key's net loss was (\$4.7M), or (\$0.85) per share after preferred dividends, versus (\$3.6 M), or (\$0.77) per share after preferred dividends, in the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Per share results in Q3'17 and Q3'16 are based on a weighted average of 6.5 million and 5.5 million basic shares outstanding, respectively, which have been adjusted to reflect the impact of the Company's 1-for-12 reverse split in December 2016.

Liquidity & Other Resources

At September 30, 2017, our total cash and cash equivalents plus current receivables were approximately \$1.5 million, as compared to approximately \$2.6 million at December 31, 2016.

In September we issued 427,778 shares and warrants to purchase 138,889 shares to an existing investor and board member for an aggregate purchase price of \$1,540,000, or \$3.60 per share. BIO-Key received cash proceeds of \$1,000,000 and converted an accrued dividend payable in the amount of \$540,000 on our Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock.

Subsequent to the close of Q3'17, the same investor and board member converted 27,404 shares of Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock at a conversion price of \$3.60 per share resulting in the issuance of 761,222 shares of common stock.

Conference Call and Webcast Replay

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 10 a.m. ET

Dial-In number: 1-877-418-5460 U.S. or 412-717-9594 International

Webcast

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 10 a.m. ET

1-877-418-5460 U.S. or 412-717-9594 International

Webcast Replay – available for 30 days.

Replay: 477-344-7529 U.S. or 412-317-0088 Int'l; code 10114154

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.bio-key.com)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with biometric solutions that enable convenient and secure access to information and high-stakes transactions. We offer alternatives to passwords, PINs, tokens, and cards to make it easy for enterprises and consumers to secure their devices as well as information in the cloud. Our premium finger scanning devices, including **SideSwipe**, **SideTouch**, **EcoID** and **SidePass**, offer market-leading quality, performance and price. BIO-key is now bringing the power and ease of use of biometric technology to its just-launched **TouchLock** line of biometric and Bluetooth enabled padlocks – thereby providing, even more, ways to BIO-key your world!

BIO-key Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements contained in this press release may be construed as "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). The words "estimate," "project," "intends," "expects," "anticipates," "believes" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are made based on management's beliefs, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, management pursuant to the "safe-harbor" provisions of the Act. These statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected on the basis of these statements. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, our history of losses and limited revenue, our ability to develop new products and evolve existing ones, market acceptance of biometric solutions generally and our specific offerings, our ability to expand into the Asian market, the impact on our business of the past financial crisis in the global capital markets or our ability to attract and retain key personnel. For a more complete description of these and other risk factors that may affect the future performance of BIO-key International, Inc., see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The Company undertakes no obligation to disclose any revision to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date made.

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BIO-KEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2017		December 31, 2016		
	(Unaudited)			
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	971,857	\$	1,061,307	
Accounts receivable net		562,296		1,563,246	
Due from factor		28,750		53,638	
Inventory		879,592		465,428	
Software license rights		2,370,000		1,560,000	
Prepaid expenses and other		175,955		206,677	
Total current assets		4,988,450		4,910,296	
Software license rights, net of current portion		8,590,368		10,598,411	
Accounts receivable, net of current portion		1,070,000		1,570,000	
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net		186,917		67,814	
Deposits and other assets		8,712		8,712	
Intangible assets, net		175,896		134,132	
Total non-current assets		10,031,893		12,379,069	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	15,020,343	\$	17,289,365	
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	507,886	\$	466,842	
Accrued liabilities	Ψ	427,671	Ψ	335,323	
Dividends payable on preferred stock		463,125		401,250	
Deferred revenue		308,622		633,062	
Total current liabilities		1,707,304		1,836,477	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,707,304		1,836,477	
Commitments and contingencies					
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:					
Series A-1 convertible preferred stock; authorized, 100,000 (liquidation preference of \$100 per share): issued					
and outstanding 90,000 of \$.0001 par value at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 respectively		9		9	
Series B-1 convertible preferred stock; authorized, 105,000 (liquidation preference of \$100 per share): issued					
and outstanding 105,000 of \$.0001 par value at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 respectively		11		11	
Common stock — authorized, 170,000,000 shares; \$.0001 par value issued and outstanding; 6,927,826 and					
6,093,843 at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively		692		609	
Additional paid-in capital		80,864,782		78,253,413	
Accumulated deficit		(67,552,455)		(62,801,154	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		13,313,039		15,452,888	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	15,020,343	\$	17,289,365	
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BIO-KEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	 2017		2016	_	2017		2016	
		_		_		_		
Revenues								
Services	\$ 377,113	\$	187,025	\$	831,761	\$	692,677	
License fees and other	53,023		25,435		677,342		142,651	
Hardware	 512,281		219,003		1,738,530		442,541	
Total Revenues	942,417		431,463		3,247,633		1,277,869	
Costs and other expenses								
Cost of services	190,889		46,257		285,369		168,636	
Cost of license fees, hardware and other	 732,192		125,526		2,094,608		251,485	
Total costs and other expenses	923,081		171,783		2,379,977		420,121	
Gross Profit	19,336		259,680		867,656		857,748	
Operating Expenses								
Selling, general and administrative	1,238,296		925,939		4,289,655		2,957,368	
Research, development and engineering	386,830		528,554		1,329,322		1,584,403	
	1,625,126		1,454,493		5,618,977		4,541,771	
Operating loss	(1,605,790)		(1,194,813)		(4,751,321)		(3,684,023)	
Other income (expense)								
Interest income	6		6		20		19	
Gain on derivative liabilities	-		60,385		-		10,879	
Total other income (expense)	 6	-	60,391		20	-	10,898	
Net loss	(1,605,784)		(1,134,422)		(4,751,301)		(3,673,125)	
Convertible preferred stock dividends	(200,625)		(200,625)		(601,875)		(601,875)	
Net loss available to common stockholders	\$ (1,806,409)	\$	(1,335,047)	\$	(5,353,176)	\$	(4,275,000)	
Basic and Diluted Loss per Common Share	\$ (0.28)	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.85)	\$	(0.77)	
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding:								
Basic and Diluted	6,535,449		5,530,105		6,333,530		5,521,218	

All BIO-key shares issued and outstanding for all periods reflect BIO-key 's 1-for-12 reverse stock split, which was effective December 29, 2016.

BIO-KEY INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30,

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		2017	2016			
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	Φ.	(4.754.004)	Φ.	(0.070.40)		
Net loss	\$	(4,751,301)	\$	(3,673,12		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used for operating activities:		F00 000				
Allowance for doubtful accounts		500,000		07.70		
Depreciation		33,526		37,76		
Amortization of intangible assets		10,280		10,20		
Amortization of software license rights		1,118,436		(40.07)		
Gain on derivative liabilities		-		(10,87		
Share-based and warrant compensation for employees and consultants		774,968		231,98		
Stock based directors fees		28,025		48,999		
Amortization on note payable discount		-				
Change in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable		1,000,950		957,02		
Due from factor		24,888		33,380		
Inventory		(414,164)		(219,59		
Prepaid expenses and other		(18,578)		(39,20		
Software license rights		79,607		450		
Accounts payable		41,044		(607,74		
Accrued liabilities		92,348		(156,00		
Deferred revenue		(324,440)		(136,25		
Net cash used for operating activities		(1,804,411)		(3,522,994		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Capital expenditures		(204,673)		(52,976		
Net cash used for investing activities		(204,673)		(52,976		
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		<u> </u>		, .		
Issuance of common stock		2,000,000				
Preferred dividends paid		_,,,,,,,,,		(535,10		
Costs to issue preferred and common stock		(80,366)		(32,620		
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities		1,919,634		(567,720		
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(89,450)		(4,143,690		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		1,061,307		4,321,07		
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	971,857	\$	177,388		