
**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)
October 29, 2018**

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

1-16411
(Commission File Number)

No. 80-0640649
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

2980 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(703) 280-2900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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:

- 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 the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 29, 2018, Northrop Grumman Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it has entered into an accelerated share repurchase (“ASR”) agreement with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (“Goldman Sachs”) to repurchase \$1 billion of the Company’s common stock. The ASR agreement was entered into pursuant to the Company’s current share repurchase authorization.

Approximately 3.0 million shares of the Company’s common stock to be repurchased under the transaction will be received by the Company on October 31, 2018. The final number of shares to be repurchased will be based on the volume-weighted average price of the Company’s common stock during the term of the transaction, less a discount and subject to adjustments pursuant to the terms of the ASR agreement, and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2019. At settlement, Goldman Sachs may be required to deliver additional shares of common stock to the Company, or, under certain circumstances, the Company may be required to deliver shares of its common stock or may elect to make a cash payment to Goldman Sachs.

A copy of the press release entitled “Northrop Grumman Announces \$1 Billion Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement” is filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 99.1	<u>Press Release ("Northrop Grumman Announces \$1 Billion Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement"), dated October 29, 2018</u>

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.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN
CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jennifer C. McGarey
Jennifer C. McGarey
Corporate Vice President and
Secretary

Date: October 29, 2018

News Release

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Northrop Grumman Announces \$1 Billion Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement

FALLS CHURCH, Va. - Oct. 29, 2018 - Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) today announced that it has entered into an accelerated share repurchase (ASR) agreement with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC to repurchase \$1 billion of Northrop Grumman's common stock.

Under the ASR agreement, Northrop Grumman will receive initial deliveries of approximately 3 million shares on Oct. 31, representing approximately 80 percent of the expected share repurchases under the ASR agreement, based on the company's closing price of \$269.84 on Oct. 26, 2018. The final number of shares to be repurchased will be based on Northrop Grumman's volume-weighted average price during the term of the transaction, less a discount, and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2019.

The ASR will be completed under the company's current share repurchase authorization, under which \$2.1 billion remained at Sept. 30, 2018.

Northrop Grumman is a leading global security company providing innovative systems, products and solutions in autonomous systems, cyber, C4ISR, space, strike, and logistics and modernization to customers worldwide. Please visit news.northropgrumman.com and follow us on Twitter, [@NGCNews](https://twitter.com/NGCNews), for more information.

Note: Statements in this press release, other than statements of historical fact, constitute "forward-looking" information within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "will," "anticipate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "guidance," and similar expressions generally identify these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date when made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date of this press release except as required by applicable law. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and inherently involve a wide range of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Actual results may differ materially from those described or implied in these statements based on a number of factors, including global economic conditions, economic conditions in our industry, government fiscal and budget policies, changes in interest rates and other market conditions. A discussion of these risks and uncertainties is contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

