



Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 11, 2018, the Board of Directors (the “Board of Directors”) of Franklin Resources, Inc. (the “Company”) authorized the Company to repurchase, from time to time, up to an additional 80.0 million shares of its common stock in either open market or private transactions. The size and timing of these purchases will depend on price, market and business conditions and other factors. The stock repurchase program is not subject to an expiration date. The new Board of Directors authorization is in addition to the existing authorization, of which approximately 15.9 million shares remained available for repurchase at March 31, 2018. Shares repurchased under the stock repurchase program are retired. A copy of the press release announcing the addition to the stock repurchase program is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit Index

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 99.1        | <u>Press</u><br><u>Release</u><br><u>dated</u><br><u>April 12,</u><br><u>2018 issued</u><br><u>by Franklin</u><br><u>Resources,</u><br><u>Inc.</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.

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.

Date: April 12, 2018

/s/ Kenneth A. Lewis

Name: Kenneth A. Lewis

Title: Chief Financial Officer and  
Executive Vice President