TORCHLIGHT ENERGY RESOURCES INC

Form 8-K February 26, 2016

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): February 22, 2016

Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-36247

74-3237581

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5700 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 3600 Plano, Texas 75093

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On February 22, 2016, we received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Staff (the "Staff") of The NASDAQ Stock Market advising us that the Staff has determined that for the last 30 consecutive business days, we no longer meet the requirement of Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) which requires us to maintain a minimum bid price of \$1 per share. The Listing Rules provide us with a compliance period of 180 calendar days in which to regain compliance. Accordingly, we will regain compliance if at any time during this 180 day period the closing bid price of our common stock is at least \$1 for a minimum of ten consecutive business days.

In the event we do not regain compliance by the end of the 180 day compliance period on August 22, 2016, we may be eligible for additional time. To qualify, we will be required to meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards for The Nasdaq Capital Market, with the exception of the bid price requirement, and will need to provide written notice of our intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period, by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. If we meet these requirements, the Staff will inform us that we have been granted an additional 180 calendar days. However, if it appears to the Staff that we will not be able to cure the deficiency, or if we are otherwise not eligible, the Staff will provide us notice that our common stock will be subject to delisting. At that time, we may appeal the delisting determination to a Hearings Panel.

We are currently reviewing our options to regain compliance with the NASDAQ Listing Rules, but we have made no decisions at this time.

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.

Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc.

Date: February 26, 2016 By: /s/ John Brda

John Brda

President and Chief Executive

Officer