



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. "

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Anne H. Lloyd, 56, has been elected to join the Company's Board of Directors effective January 31, 2018. Ms. Lloyd, who will serve on the Company's audit committee, qualifies as an independent director under the standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

Ms. Lloyd served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (NYSE:MLM), a leading supplier of building materials, from June 2005 until her retirement in August 2017. She joined Martin Marietta in 1998 as vice president and controller and was promoted to chief accounting officer in 1999. Ms. Lloyd is a director, chair of the audit committee and member of the corporate governance and nominating committee of one other publicly-traded company, Terra Nitrogen Company, L.P. (NYSE:TNH), a global leader in nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing and distribution.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 1, 2018