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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): April 10, 2017

**Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Nevada**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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**001-36247**

(Commission File Number)

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**74-3237581**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e -4(c))

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On April 10, 2017, we sold to investors in a private transaction two 12% unsecured promissory notes with a total of \$8,000,000 in principal amount. Interest only is due and payable on the notes each month at the rate of 12% per annum, with a balloon payment of the outstanding principal due and payable at maturity on April 10, 2020. The holders of the notes will also receive annual payments of common stock at the rate of 2.5% of principal amount outstanding, based on a volume-weighted average price. Both notes were sold at an original issue discount of 94.25% and accordingly, we received total proceeds of \$7,540,000 from the investors. We intend to use the proceeds for working capital and general corporate purposes, which includes, without limitation, drilling capital, lease acquisition capital and repayment of prior debt.

These 12% promissory notes allow for early redemption, provided that if we redeem before April 10, 2018, we must pay the holders all unpaid interest and common stock payments on the portion of the notes redeemed that would have been earned through April 10, 2018. The notes also contain certain covenants under which we have agreed that, except for financing arrangements with established commercial banking or financial institutions and other debts and liabilities incurred in the normal course of business, we will not issue any other notes or debt offerings which have a maturity date prior to the payment in full of the 12% notes, unless consented to by the holders.

**Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

Reference is made to the disclosure set forth above under Item 2.03 of this current report, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference. The securities were issued under the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The issuance of securities did not involve a “public offering” based upon the following factors: (i) the issuance of the securities was an isolated private transaction; (ii) a limited number of securities was issued to a limited number of purchasers; (iii) there were no public solicitations; (iv) each purchaser represented that it was an “accredited investor”; (v) the investment intent of the purchasers; and (vi) the restriction on transferability of the securities issued.

**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: April 14, 2017

By: /s/ John A. Brda

John A. Brda  
President