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): November 3, 2016

Western Digital Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 001-08703 (Commission File Number) 33-0956711 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3355 Michelson Drive, Suite 100 Irvine, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92612 (Zip Code)

(949) 672-7000 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not applicable

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

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

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Pursuant to the dividend policy of Western Digital Corporation (the "Company"), on November 3, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend for the quarter ending December 30, 2016 of \$0.50 per share (the "Cash Dividend") of the Company's common stock, \$.01 par value per share. The Cash Dividend will be paid on January 17, 2017 to the Company's stockholders of record as of December 30, 2016.

The press release making this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release issued by Western Digital Corporation on November 3, 2016 announcing a cash dividend for the second fiscal quarter of 2017.

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SIGNATURE

Ву:

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Western Digital Corporation

(Registrant)

/s/ Michael C. Ray

Michael C. Ray Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Date: November 3, 2016



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WESTERN DIGITAL BOARD DECLARES DIVIDEND FOR SECOND FISCAL QUARTER 2017

IRVINE, Calif. — Nov. 3, 2016 — Western Digital Corp. (NASDAQ: WDC) today announced that the board of directors declared a cash dividend for the quarter ending Dec. 30, 2016, of \$0.50 per share of common stock (the "cash dividend"). The cash dividend will be paid on Jan. 17, 2017, to the company's stockholders of record as of Dec. 30, 2016.

The amount of future dividends under the company's dividend policy, and the declaration and payment thereof, will be based upon all relevant factors, including the company's financial position, results of operations, cash flows, capital requirements and restrictions under the company's financing documents, and shall be in compliance with applicable law. The board retains the power to modify, suspend or cancel the company's dividend policy in any manner and at any time as it may deem necessary or appropriate in the future.

About Western Digital

Western Digital is an industry-leading provider of storage technologies and solutions that enable people to create, leverage, experience and preserve data. The company addresses ever-changing market needs by providing a full portfolio of compelling, high-quality storage solutions with customer-focused innovation, high efficiency, flexibility and speed. Our products are marketed under the HGST, SanDisk and WD brands to OEMs, distributors, resellers, cloud infrastructure providers and consumers. Financial and investor information is available on the company's Investor Relations website at <u>investor.wdc.com</u>.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements concerning the company's dividend for the second fiscal quarter ending Dec. 30, 2016. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to

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risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements, including: volatility in global economic conditions; business conditions and growth in the storage ecosystem; pricing trends and fluctuations in average selling prices; the availability and cost of commodity materials and specialized product components; actions by competitors; unexpected advances in competing technologies; the development and introduction of products based on new technologies and expansion into new data storage markets and other risks and uncertainties listed in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the company's Form 10-K filed with the SEC on Aug. 29, 2016, to which your attention is directed. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof, and the company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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