UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2016

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-33089

(Commission File Number)

82-0572194 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

280 Park Avenue, 38th Floor New York, New York 10017

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 277-7100

NOT APPLICABLE

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2016, ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") reported its results of operations for the three months and twelve months ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the press release issued by the Company concerning the foregoing is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information provided in Item 2.02 of this report, 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated February 23, 2016 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).

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 thereunto duly authorized.

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: February 23, 2016 By: /s/ Nancy Saltzman

Name: Nancy Saltzman

Title: Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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EXL REPORTS 2015 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

2015 Fourth Quarter Revenues of \$165.9 Million
Diluted EPS (GAAP) of \$0.43
Adjusted Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP) of \$0.56
2015 Revenues of \$628.5 Million
Diluted EPS (GAAP) of \$1.51
Adjusted Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP) of \$2.03

New York, NY - February 23, 2016 - ExlService Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXLS), a leading provider of Operations Management and Analytics services, today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2015 and provided guidance for full year 2016.

In the fourth quarter, EXL had revenues of \$165.9 million, an increase of 22.6% from fourth quarter 2014 (15.3% excluding disentanglement costs) and an increase of 1.4% sequentially. In the fourth quarter, EXL delivered diluted EPS of \$0.43 and adjusted diluted EPS of \$0.56.

For the full year 2015, EXL achieved revenues of \$628.5 million, an increase of 25.9% from 2014 (19.6% excluding disentanglement costs). Operations Management revenues were up 16.8% (10.1% excluding disentanglement costs) from 2014 with increases across verticals. Analytics revenues grew 86.2% year-over-year driven by strong organic growth and the acquisition of RPM Direct. For the full year 2015, EXL delivered diluted EPS of \$1.51 and adjusted diluted EPS of \$2.03.

Rohit Kapoor, Vice Chairman and CEO, commented, "EXL had a great 2015. Our performance in 2015 demonstrated the strength of our strategy. We delivered strong revenue growth and sustainable margin improvement. Our strategy of differentiated operations management capabilities powered by the Business EXLerator framework and a suite of BPaaS solutions helped us grow revenue with existing clients and acquire new clients. Our domain expertise both in Operations Management and in Analytics made us the partner of choice for our clients. The significant development of our Analytics capabilities and the successful acquisition of RPM solidified our position as a front-runner in Analytics."

Vishal Chhibbar, EXL's CFO, commented, "We feel confident about 2016 because we have strong momentum from 2015, and our strategy is enabling us to capitalize on a healthy demand in our Operations Management and Analytics businesses. For 2016, we are providing revenue guidance of \$690 million to \$706 million, representing annual revenue growth of 11% to 14% at constant currency. Our adjusted diluted earnings per share guidance is \$2.25 to \$2.35, representing an increase of 11% to 16%."

Effective for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015, EXL revised the composition of its reportable segments in line with how it manages its business. The new reportable segments are Operations Management and Analytics. Business Transformation (previously part of the Analytics and Business Transformation segment) is now included within the Operations Management segment. All prior period numbers referred to in this press release have been restated to reflect the new reporting segments. Reconciliations of adjusted financial measures to GAAP are included at the end of this release.

Financial Highlights: Fourth Quarter 2015

- Revenues for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 were \$165.9 million compared to \$135.3 million (\$143.8 million excluding disentanglement costs) for the quarter ended December 31, 2014, an increase of 22.6% (15.3% excluding disentanglement costs). Revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 were \$163.5 million, an increase of 1.4% sequentially.
- Operations Management revenues for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 were \$129.4 million compared to \$116.3 million (\$124.8 million excluding disentanglement costs) for the quarter ended December 31, 2014, an increase of 11.3% (3.7% excluding disentanglement costs). Revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 were \$128.0 million, an increase of 1.1% sequentially. Analytics revenues for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 were \$36.5 million compared to \$19.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2014, an increase of 92.0%. Revenues for quarter ended September 30, 2015 were \$35.5 million, an increase of 2.8% sequentially.
- Gross margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was 36.0% compared to 32.5% (36.5% excluding disentanglement costs) for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and 36.9% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Operations Management gross margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was 36.6% compared to 32.7% (37.3% excluding disentanglement costs) for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and 36.4% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Analytics gross margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was 34.0% compared to 30.7% for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and 38.7% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.
- Operating margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was 10.8% compared to 5.2% (10.8% excluding disentanglement costs) for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and 12.7% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Adjusted operating margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was 14.7% compared to 14.1% for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and 17.0% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.
- Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was \$0.43 compared to \$0.22 for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and \$0.44 for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Adjusted diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was \$0.56 compared to \$0.48 for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and \$0.58 for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

Financial Highlights: Full Year 2015

- Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$628.5 million compared to \$499.3 million (\$525.6 million excluding disentanglement costs) for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of 25.9% (19.6% excluding disentanglement costs).
- Operations Management revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$506.3 million compared to \$433.7 million (\$460.0 million excluding disentanglement costs) for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of 16.8% (10.1% excluding disentanglement costs). Analytics revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$122.2 million compared to \$65.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of 86.2%.
- Gross margin for the year ended December 31, 2015 was 35.9% compared to 33.4% (36.7% excluding disentanglement costs) for the year ended December 31, 2014. Operations Management gross margin for the year ended December 31, 2015 was 36.0% compared to 33.9% (37.7% excluding disentanglement costs) for the year ended December 31, 2014. Analytics gross margin for the year ended December 31, 2015 was 35.5% compared to 29.8% for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- Operating margin for the year ended December 31, 2015 was 10.7% compared to 6.8% (11.5% excluding disentanglement costs) for the year ended December 31, 2014. Adjusted operating margin for the year ended December 31, 2015 was 14.9% compared to 14.8% for the year ended December 31, 2014.

• Diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$1.51 compared to \$0.96 for the year ended December 31, 2014. Adjusted diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$2.03 compared to \$1.82 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Business Highlights: Fourth Quarter 2015

- Won nine new clients in the quarter ended December 31, 2015 and 34 new clients in 2015, consisting of 25 new clients in Operations Management and nine new clients in Analytics.
- Expanded multiple Operations Management relationships, including migrating 38 new processes in the fourth quarter of 2015 and 136 new processes in 2015.
- Nitin Sahney, an experienced executive in the healthcare industry, was appointed to the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2016.
- Positioned as a "Leader" in NelsonHall's "Analytics and Reporting BPS NEAT."
- Recognized as an "Industry Leader" in information security by winning the 2015 BPM Security Excellence Award by NASSCOM and the Data Security Council of India.
- Positioned in the "Winner's Circle" in the "HfS Blueprint Report: Utilities BPO 2015."
- · Recognized as an "Emerging Player" in Mindfield's "Robotic Process Automation: Driving the Next Wave of Cost Rationalization."
- Received the XCelent Customer Base award in Celent's "North American Policy Administration Systems 2015: Life, Annuities, Pension, And Health ABCD Vendor View."
- Recorded headcount as of December 31, 2015 of 24,061 compared to 23,715 as of September 30, 2015 and 22,822 (including employees under managed services) as of December 31, 2014.
- Reported employee attrition for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 of 30.6%, compared with 34.5% for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 and 33.5% for the quarter ended December 31, 2014.

2016 Guidance

Based on current visibility and an Indian rupee to U.S. dollar exchange rate of 68.0, Philippine Peso to U.S. dollar exchange rate of 47.5 and all other currencies at current exchange rates, the Company is providing the following guidance for the calendar year 2016:

- Revenues of \$690 million to \$706 million, representing annual revenue growth 11% to 14% at constant currency.
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share, excluding the impact of stock-based compensation expense, amortization of intangibles and associated tax impacts, of \$2.25 to \$2.35, representing an increase of 11% to 16%.

Conference Call

ExlService Holdings, Inc. will host a conference call on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. U.S. eastern time to discuss the Company's quarterly operating and financial results. The conference call will be available live via the internet by accessing the investor relations section of EXL's website at <u>ir.exlservice.com</u>, where an accompanying investor-friendly spreadsheet of historical operating and financial data can also be accessed. Please go to the website at least fifteen minutes prior to the call to register, download and install any necessary audio software.

To listen to the conference call via phone, please dial 1-877-303-6384 or if dialing internationally, 1-224-357-2191 and an operator will assist you. For those who cannot access the live broadcast, a replay will be available on the EXL website <u>ir.exlservice.com</u>).

About EXL

EXL (NASDAQ: EXLS) is a leading operations management and analytics company that helps businesses enhance growth and profitability in the face of relentless competition and continuous disruption. Using our proprietary award-winning Business EXLerator FrameworkTM, which integrate analytics, automation, benchmarking, BPO, consulting, industry best practices and technology platforms to look deeper to help companies improve global operations, enhance data-driven insights, increase customer satisfaction, and manage risk and compliance. EXL serves the insurance, healthcare, banking and financial services, utilities, travel, transportation and logistics industries. Headquartered in New York, New York, EXL has more than 24,000 professionals in locations throughout the United States, Europe, Asia (primarily India and Philippines), Latin America, Australia and South Africa. For more information, visit www.exlservice.com.

Continuing Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements This press release contains forward-looking statements, including our financial guidance. You should not place undue reliance on those statements because they are subject to numerous uncertainties and factors relating to the EXL's operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond EXL's control. Forward-looking statements include information concerning EXL's possible or assumed future results of operations, including descriptions of its business strategy. These statements may include words such as "may," "will," "should," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate" or similar expressions. These statements are based on assumptions that we have made in light of management's experience in the industry as well as its perceptions of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate under the circumstances. You should understand that these statements are not guarantees of performance or results. They involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Although EXL believes that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, you should be aware that many factors could affect EXL's actual financial results or results of operations and could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors are discussed in more detail in EXL's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including EXL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. These risks could cause actual results to differ materially from those implied by forward-looking statements in this release. You should keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made herein, or elsewhere, speaks only as of the date on which it is made. New risks and uncertainties come up from time to time, and it is impossible to predict these events or how they may affect EXL. EXL

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

		Year ended	Dece	ember 31,	Three months ended December 31,					
		2015		2014		2015		2014		
Revenues, net	\$	628,492	\$	499,278	\$	165,858	\$	135,286		
Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)		402,917		332,535		106,116		91,371		
Gross profit		225,575		166,743		59,742		43,915		
Operating expenses:										
General and administrative expenses		77,293		65,381		19,865		18,389		
Selling and marketing expenses		49,474		39,294		13,705		10,482		
Depreciation and amortization		31,465		28,028		8,294		7,979		
Total operating expenses		158,232		132,703		41,864		36,850		
Income from operations		67,343		34,040		17,878		7,065		
Foreign exchange gain/(loss), net		2,744		(5)		397		323		
Other income, net		5,689		3,603		1,389		743		
Income before income taxes		75,776		37,638		19,664		8,131		
Income tax expense		24,211		5,193		4,902		670		
Net income	\$	51,565	\$	32,445	\$	14,762	\$	7,461		
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	1.55	\$	0.99	\$	0.44	\$	0.23		
Diluted	\$	1.51	\$	0.96	\$	0.43	\$	0.22		
Weighted-average number of shares used in compu	ting ear	nings per share:								
Basic		33,298,104		32,804,606		33,231,716		32,986,276		
Diluted		34,178,340		33,636,593		34,272,731		33,761,462		

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Dece	mber 31, 2015	December 31, 2014		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	205,323	\$	176,499	
Short-term investments		13,676		11,577	
Restricted cash		1,872		1,395	
Accounts receivable, net		92,650		80,244	
Prepaid expenses		8,027		5,783	
Advance income tax, net		2,432		9,905	
Other current assets		15,219		12,533	
Total current assets		339,199		297,936	
Fixed assets, net		47,991		45,369	
Restricted cash		3,319		3,258	
Deferred tax assets, net		13,749		16,440	
Intangible assets, net		52,733		46,979	
Goodwill		171,535		139,599	
Other assets		22,257		23,975	
Total assets	\$	650,783	\$	573,556	
Liabilities and Equity			-		
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	6,401	\$	4,663	
Short-term borrowings		10,000		_	
Deferred revenue		11,518		7,690	
Accrued employee cost		44,526		37,606	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		34,250		40,206	
Current portion of capital lease obligations		384		803	
Total current liabilities		107,079		90,968	
Long term borrowings		60,000		50,000	
Capital lease obligations, less current portion		278		560	
Non-current liabilities		17,655		12,870	
Total liabilities		185,012	-	154,398	
Commitments and contingencies				<u> </u>	
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 15,000,000 shares authorized, none issued		_		_	
ExlService Holdings, Inc stockholders' equity:					
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 34,781,201 shares issued and 33,091,223					
shares outstanding as of December 31, 2015 and 34,203,352 shares issued and 32,905,467 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2014		35		34	
Additional paid-in-capital		254,052		233,173	
Retained earnings		320,989		269,424	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(67,325)		(55,509)	
Total including shares held in treasury		507,751	-	447,122	
Less: 1,689,978 shares as of December 31, 2015 and 1,297,885 shares as of December 31, 2014, held in treasury, at cost		(42,159)		(27,964)	
ExlService Holdings, Inc. stockholders' equity	\$	465,592	\$	419,158	
Non-controlling interest		179			
Total equity	\$	465,771	\$	419,158	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	650,783	\$	573,556	

EXLSERVICE HOLDINGS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

Reconciliation of Adjusted Financial Measures to GAAP Measures

In addition to its reported operating results in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), EXL has included in this release adjusted financial measures (adjusted operating margin, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share) that the Securities and Exchange Commission defines as "non-GAAP financial measures." The adjusted financial measures disclosed by the EXL should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, and the financial results calculated in accordance with GAAP and reconciliations from those financial statements should be carefully evaluated. EXL believes that providing these adjusted measures may help investors better understand EXL's underlying financial performance. Management also believes that these adjusted financial measures, when read in conjunction with EXL's reported results, can provide useful supplemental information for investors analyzing period to period comparisons of the Company's results and comparisons of the Company's results with the results of other companies. EXL believes that it is unreasonably difficult to provide its financial outlook in accordance with GAAP for a number of reasons including, without limitation, EXL's inability to predict its future stock-based compensation expense under ASC Topic 718 and the amortization of intangibles associated with further acquisitions. EXL also incurs significant non-cash charges for depreciation that may not be indicative of the Company's ability to generate cash flow.

Additionally, EXL provides certain information on a constant currency basis, which reflects a comparison of current period results translated at the prior period currency rates. This information is provided because EXL believes that it provides useful incremental information to investors regarding EXL's operating performance.

The following table shows the reconciliation of these adjusted financial measures from GAAP measures for the year ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the three months ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and for the three months ended September 30, 2015:

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income and Adjusted EBITDA

(Amounts in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,					Three Mo Decen	Three Months Ended September 30,				
Revenues (GAAP)		2015		2014		2015		2014		2015	
		628,492	\$	499,278	\$	\$ 165,858		135,286	\$	163,503	
add: Reimbursement of transition and disentanglement costs (a)		_		26,347		_		8,532		_	
Revenues (Non-GAAP)	\$	628,492	\$	525,625	\$	165,858	\$	143,818	\$	163,503	
subtract: Cost of revenues (GAAP)		(402,917)		(332,535)		(106,116)		(91,371)		(103,198)	
subtract: Operating expenses (GAAP)		(158,232)		(132,703)		(41,864)		(36,850)		(39,556)	
Income from operations (Non- GAAP)	\$	67,343	\$	60,387	\$	17,878	\$	15,597	\$	20,749	
add: Stock-based compensation expense (b)		16,047		11,011		3,768		2,493		4,471	
add: Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles (c)		10,226		6,623		2,717		2,157		2,642	
Adjusted operating income (Non-GAAP)	\$	93,616	\$	78,021	\$	24,363	\$	20,247	\$	27,862	
Adjusted operating income margin as a % of Revenues (Non-GAAP)	_	14.9%		14.8%		14.7%		14.1%		17.0%	
add: Depreciation		21,239		21,405		5,577		5,822		5,415	
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	\$	114,855	\$	99,426	\$	29,940	\$	26,069	\$	33,277	
Adjusted EBITDA margin as a % of Revenues (Non-GAAP)	_	18.3%		18.9%		18.1%		18.1%	-	20.4%	

⁽a) To exclude reimbursement of transition and disentanglement costs for a disclosed client issue.

⁽b) To exclude stock-based compensation expense under ASC Topic 718.

⁽c) To exclude amortization of acquisition-related intangibles.

Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Year Ended December 31,					Three Months Ended December 31,				Three Months Ended September 30,		
	2015		2014		2015		2014			2015		
Net income (GAAP)	\$	51,565	\$	32,445	\$	14,762	\$	7,461	\$	15,162		
add: Stock-based compensation expense (a)		16,047		11,011		3,768		2,493		4,471		
add: Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles (b)		10,226		6,623		2,717		2,157		2,642		
add: reimbursement of transition and disentanglement costs (c)		_		26,347		_		8,532		_		
subtract: Tax impact on stock-based compensation expense		(6,081)		(4,205)		(1,431)		(951)		(1,704)		
subtract: Tax impact on amortization of acquisition-related intangibles		(2,484)		(879)		(679)		(348)		(656)		
subtract: Tax impact on reimbursement of transition and disentanglement costs		_		(10,012)		_		(3,242)		_		
Adjusted net income (Non-GAAP)	\$	69,273	\$	61,330	\$	19,137	\$	16,102	\$	19,915		
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)	\$	2.03	\$	1.82	\$	0.56	\$	0.48	\$	0.58		

⁽a) To exclude stock-based compensation expense under ASC Topic 718.

⁽b) To exclude amortization of acquisition-related intangibles.

⁽c) To exclude reimbursement of transition and disentanglement costs for a disclosed client issue.