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): July 27, 2017

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

- o Emerging growth company
- o 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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2017, ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") reported its results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2017. 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 July 27, 2017 (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: July 27, 2017 By: /s/ Nancy Saltzman

Name: Nancy Saltzman

Title: Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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EXL REPORTS 2017 SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

2017 Second Quarter Revenues of \$189.1 Million, up 10.9% year over year Q2 Diluted EPS (GAAP) of \$0.58, up from \$0.47 in Q2 of 2016 Q2 Adjusted Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP) of \$0.70, up from \$0.55 in Q2 of 2016

New York, NY - July 27, 2017 - ExlService Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXLS), a leading operations management and analytics company, today announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2017.

Rohit Kapoor, Vice Chairman and CEO, commented, "In the second quarter of 2017, EXL had strong revenue growth. Our second quarter revenue was \$189.1 million, an increase of 10.9% year-over-year, and we generated revenue of \$372.1 million in the first half of the year, an increase of 10.2%. Revenue growth for the second quarter was led by our analytics segment which grew 30.2% year-over-year. Our operations management business grew 5.1% year-over-year.

"EXL is becoming the strategic digital transformation partner of choice. Our clients use our next-generation operations management, robotics, advanced analytics and domain expertise to transform their business models. Our pipeline across our portfolio of solutions is strong as evidenced by 16 new client wins this quarter."

Vishal Chhibbar, CFO, commented, "We have increased our revenue guidance for 2017 to \$748 million - \$762 million from \$740 million - \$760 million to reflect better performance in the second quarter and favorable exchange rates versus the U.S. dollar. Our guidance represents annual revenue growth of 9% to 11% from 2016 on a constant currency basis. We have also increased our adjusted diluted EPS guidance for 2017 to \$2.54 - \$2.64, an increase of 9% to 13% from 2016. Our balance sheet remains strong with cash and short-term investments of \$237 million."

Financial Highlights: Second Quarter 2017

We have six reportable segments: Insurance, Healthcare, Travel, Transportation & Logistics, Finance & Accounting, All Other (Banking & Financial Services, Utilities and Consulting) and Analytics. Reconciliations of adjusted (non-GAAP) financial measures, including those reflecting constant currency, to GAAP measures are included at the end of this release.

• Revenues for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 increased to \$189.1 million compared to \$170.5 million for the second quarter of 2016, an increase of 10.9% both on a reported and constant currency basis from the second quarter of 2016, and an increase of 3.3% sequentially from the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

	Revenues						Gross Margin						
	Three months ended					ed	Three months ended						
	Jı	ıne 30,	June 30, March 31,		June 30,	June 30,	March 31,						
Reportable Segments		2017		2016	2017		2017	2016	2017				
	(dollars in millions)												
Insurance	\$	58.3	\$	50.6	\$	55.9	29.7%	28.0%	31.5%				
Healthcare		18.9		17.4		18.9	35.3%	36.9%	35.6%				
Travel, Transportation & Logistics		17.8		17.6		17.1	41.3%	38.4%	40.0%				
Finance & Accounting		21.0		19.3		21.0	38.4%	38.1%	38.6%				
All Other		21.5		26.0		21.1	31.5%	37.3%	31.6%				
Analytics		51.6		39.6		49.0	33.9%	35.5%	34.6%				
Total revenues, net	\$	189.1	\$	170.5	\$	183.0	33.6%	34.3%	34.4%				

- Operating income margin for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 was 8.5% compared to 9.5% in the second quarter of 2016 and 8.7% for the quarter ended March 31, 2017. Adjusted operating income margin for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 was 13.1% compared to 13.7% in the second quarter of 2016 and 13.9% for the quarter ended March 31, 2017.
- Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 was \$0.58 compared to \$0.47 for the second quarter of 2016 and \$0.48 for the quarter ended March 31, 2017. Adjusted diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 was \$0.70 (includes one-time income tax benefit of \$3.1 million or \$0.09 of diluted earnings per share from conclusion of an uncertain tax position) compared to \$0.55 for the second quarter of 2016 and \$0.60 for the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

Business Highlights: Second Quarter 2017

- Won 16 new clients, consisting of six new clients in our operations management business and 10 new clients in analytics.
- Opened our state-of-the-art Digital Experience Center in Jersey City, New Jersey for collaboration to design and architect digital solutions that transform clients' businesses.
- Opened new delivery centers in Chennai and Hyderabad and expanded our operations centers in Kochi, Noida and Gurgaon.
- Introduced LifePRO® Version 19 with enhanced capabilities for management of complex annuities.
- Achieved Leader placement and Star Performer recognition for second straight year in the "Everest Group PEAK Matrix™ for Analytics BPS".
- Positioned as a Leader in "IDC MarketScape for Finance and Accounting BPO Services".

- Honored with 2017 LOMA Excellence in Education Awards for Insurance Training.
- Expanded multiple operations management relationships, including migrating 97 new processes.

2017 Guidance

Based on current visibility, the Company is increasing its guidance. This guidance is based on the following exchange rates for the remainder of the year: U.S. Dollar to Indian Rupee exchange rate of 64.50, British Pound to U.S. Dollar exchange rate of 1.30, U.S. Dollar to the Philippine Peso exchange rate of 50.5 and all other currencies at current exchange rates.

- Revenue of \$748 million to \$762 million, representing an annual revenue growth of 9% to 11% on a constant currency basis.
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$2.54 to \$2.64, representing an annual increase of 9% to 13%.

Conference Call

ExlService Holdings, Inc. will host a conference call on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. ET 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 ir.exlservice.com, where an accompanying investor-friendly spreadsheet of historical operating and financial data can also be accessed. Please access 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> for a period of at least twelve months.

About ExlService Holdings, Inc.

EXL (NASDAQ: EXLS) is a leading operations management and analytics company that designs and enables agile, customer-centric operating models to help clients improve their revenue growth and profitability. Our delivery model provides market-leading business outcomes using EXL's proprietary Business EXLerator Framework®, cutting-edge analytics, digital transformation and domain expertise. At EXL, we 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 26,000 professionals in locations throughout the United States, Europe, Asia (primarily India and Philippines), South 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. You should not place undue reliance on those statements because they are subject to numerous uncertainties and factors relating to 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, 2016. 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 has no obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date hereof, except as required by federal securities laws.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,				Six months ended June 30,				
	2017		2016		2017			2016	
Revenues, net	\$	189,057	\$	170,478	\$	372,090	\$	337,514	
Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)		125,449		112,026		245,568		220,405	
Gross profit		63,608		58,452		126,522		117,109	
Operating expenses:									
General and administrative expenses		24,715		21,148		48,939		41,766	
Selling and marketing expenses		13,127		12,798		26,489		26,252	
Depreciation and amortization		9,637		8,270		19,063		16,403	
Total operating expenses		47,479		42,216		94,491		84,421	
Income from operations		16,129		16,236		32,031		32,688	
Foreign exchange gain, net		2,898		1,363		4,466		1,832	
Interest expense		(465)		(343)		(897)		(728)	
Other income, net		2,639		6,127		5,949		9,306	
Income before income tax expense		21,201		23,383		41,549		43,098	
Income tax expense		823		7,008		4,383		12,903	
Net income	\$	20,378	\$	16,375	\$	37,166	\$	30,195	
Earnings per share:									
Basic	\$	0.60	\$	0.49	\$	1.10	\$	0.90	
Diluted	\$	0.58	\$	0.47	\$	1.06	\$	0.88	
Weighted-average number of shares used in computing earnings per share:									
Basic		33,819,320		33,621,444		33,833,153		33,500,736	
Diluted		34,993,226		34,510,400		35,051,767		34,431,028	

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	As of			
				December 31, 2016
		(Unaudited)		
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	89,414	\$	213,155
Short-term investments		147,915		13,491
Restricted cash		1,898		3,846
Accounts receivable, net		123,798		113,067
Prepaid expenses		9,454		7,855
Advance income tax, net		7,337		6,242
Other current assets		18,784		21,168
Total current assets		398,600		378,824
Property, plant and equipment, net		63,978		49,029
Restricted cash		3,692		3,393
Deferred taxes, net		13,959		14,799
Intangible assets, net		46,973		53,770
Goodwill		188,154		186,770
Other assets		32,075		19,943
Total assets	\$	747,431	\$	706,528
Liabilities and Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	11,661	\$	3,288
Short-term borrowings		10,000		10,000
Deferred revenue		14,189		16,615
Accrued employee cost		39,135		50,832
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		40,845		43,264
Current portion of capital lease obligations		203		232
Total current liabilities		116,033		124,231
Long term borrowings		35,000		35,000
Capital lease obligations, less current portion		310		300
Non-current liabilities		16,166		14,819
Total liabilities		167,509		174,350
Commitments and contingencies		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		,
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 15,000,000 shares authorized, none issued		_		_
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 36,252,428 shares issued and 33,691,731 share outstanding as of June 30, 2017 and 35,699,819 shares issued and 33,628,109 shares outstanding as of December				
31, 2016		36		36
Additional paid-in capital		303,486		284,646
Retained earnings		415,342		382,722
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(55,451)		(75,057)
Total including shares held in treasury		663,413		592,347
Less: 2,560,697 shares as of June 30, 2017 and 2,071,710 shares as of December 31, 2016, held in treasury, at cost		(83,694)		(60,362)
Stockholders' equity	\$	579,719	\$	531,985
Non-controlling interest		203		193
Total equity	\$	579,922	\$	532,178
Total liabilities and equity	\$	747,431	\$	706,528

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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 certain financial measures (adjusted operating income, adjusted operating income margin, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted net income, adjusted diluted earnings per share and information on a constant currency basis) that the Securities and Exchange Commission defines as "non-GAAP financial measures." The non-GAAP financial measures disclosed by 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 non-GAAP financial measures may help investors better understand EXL's underlying financial performance. Management also believes that these non-GAAP 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. Additionally, management considers some of these non-GAAP financial measures to determine variable compensation of its employees. EXL believes that it is unreasonably difficult to provide its earnings per share financial guidance 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, the amortization of intangibles associated with further acquisitions and the currency fluctuations. EXL also incurs significant non-cash charges for depreciation that may not be indicative of the Company's ability to generate cash flow.

The information provided on a constant currency basis reflects a comparison of current period results translated at the prior period currency rates. EXL's primary exchange rate exposure is with the Indian Rupee, the U.K. pound sterling and the Philippine Peso. The average exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar against the Indian Rupee decreased from 67.06 during the quarter ended June 30, 2016 to 64.45 during the quarter ended June 30, 2017, representing appreciation of 3.9%. The average exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar against the Philippine Peso increased from 46.90 during the quarter ended June 30, 2016 to 50.06 during the quarter ended June 30, 2017, representing a depreciation of 6.7%. The average exchange rate of the British Pound against the U.S. Dollar decreased from 1.42 during the quarter ended June 30, 2016 to 1.29 during the quarter ended June 30, 2017, representing a depreciation of 9.4%. This information is provided because EXL believes that it provides useful comparative incremental information to investors regarding EXL's operating performance.

The following table shows the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures from GAAP measures for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 and the three months ended March 31, 2017:

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income and Adjusted EBITDA

(Amounts in thousands)

	Three months ended June 30,					Three months ended March 31,		
			2016		2017			
Net Income (GAAP)	\$	20,378	\$	16,375		16,788		
add: Income tax expense		823		7,008		3,560		
subtract: Other income and foreign exchange gain, net		(5,072)		(7,147)		(4,446)		
Income from operations (GAAP)	\$	16,129	\$	16,236	\$	15,902		
add: Stock-based compensation expense (a)		5,107		4,450		5,956		
add: Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles (b)		3,507		2,718		3,498		
Adjusted operating income (Non-GAAP)	\$	24,743	\$	23,404	\$	25,356		
Adjusted operating income margin as a % of revenues (Non-GAAP)		13.1%		13.7%		13.9%		
add: Depreciation		6,130		5,552		5,928		
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	\$	30,873	\$	28,956	\$	31,284		
Adjusted EBITDA margin as a % of revenues (Non-GAAP)	·	16.3%		17.0%		17.1%		

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

⁽b) 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)

	Three months ended June 30,				Three Months Ended March 31,		
		2017	2016			2017	
Net income (GAAP)	\$	20,378	\$	16,375	\$	16,788	
add: Stock-based compensation expense (a)		5,107		4,450		5,956	
add: Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles (b)		3,507		2,718		3,498	
subtract: Tax impact on stock-based compensation expense (c)		(3,483)		(1,600)		(4,260)	
subtract: Tax impact on amortization of acquisition-related intangibles		(949)		(734)		(951)	
subtract: Changes in fair value of earn-out consideration (net of tax) (d)		_		(2,365)		_	
Adjusted net income (Non-GAAP)	\$	24,560	\$	18,844	\$	21,031	
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)	\$	0.70	\$	0.55	\$	0.60	

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

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

⁽c) Tax impact include \$1,624 and \$2,057 during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 respectively, related to a discrete benefit recognized in income tax expense on adoption of ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation.

⁽d) To exclude change in fair value of earn-out consideration related to the RPM acquisition.