ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC Form 8-K February 01, 2019

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549	ON	
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	d): February 1, 2019	
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its char	rter)	
Delaware 1- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (C	-4797 Commission File No.)	36-1258310 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
155 Harlem Avenue, Glenview, IL (Address of principal executive offices)		60025 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area co	ode: 847-724-7500	
Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed sine	ce last report.)	
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 1 chapter).		company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this
Emerging growth company [ ]		
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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-1 the registrant under any of the following provisi [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 42: [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant [] Pre-commencement [] Pre-commencem	ions: 5 under the Securities Inder the Exchange Act Into Rule 14d-2(b) und	Act (17 CFR 230.425) t (17 CFR 240.14a-12) der the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 1, 2019, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (the "Company") announced its 2018 fourth quarter results of operations in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company presents certain financial measures for 2017 excluding the impact of the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" and the benefit of a legal settlement in fiscal year 2017. These non-GAAP measures are consistent with the way management analyzes and assesses the Company's operating performance. The Company believes these non-GAAP measures enhance investors' understanding of the Company's underlying financial performance, as well as their ability to compare the Company's financial results and overall performance to that of its peers. A reconciliation of the impact of the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" and legal settlement is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The Company uses free cash flow to measure cash flow generated by operations that is available for dividends, share repurchases, acquisitions and debt repayment. The Company believes this non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors in evaluating the Company's financial performance and measures the Company's ability to generate cash internally to fund Company initiatives. Free cash flow represents net cash provided by operating activities less additions to plant and equipment. Free cash flow is a measurement that is not the same as net cash flow from operating activities per the statement of cash flows and may not be consistent with similarly titled measures used by other companies. A reconciliation of free cash flow to net cash provided by operating activities is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The Company uses adjusted after-tax return on average invested capital ("ROIC") to measure the effectiveness of its operations' use of invested capital to generate profits. ROIC is a non-GAAP financial measure that the Company believes is a meaningful metric to investors in evaluating the Company's financial performance and may be different than the method used by other companies to calculate ROIC. For comparability, the Company excluded the third quarter net discrete tax benefit of \$15 million from the effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Company also excluded the \$658 million income tax charge from the effective tax rate for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2017 and the \$95 million confidential legal settlement from the calculation of ROIC for the year ended December 31, 2017. Average invested capital represents the net assets of the Company, excluding cash and equivalents and outstanding debt, which are excluded as they do not represent capital investment in the Company's operations. Average invested capital is calculated using balances at the start of the period and at the end of each quarter. A calculation of ROIC is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d)Exhibits

Exhibit Number

**Exhibit Description** 

<u>99.1</u>

Press Release issued by Illinois Tool Works Inc. dated February 1, 2019 (furnished pursuant to

<u>Item 2.02).</u>

## **SIGNATURES**

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

## ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Dated: February 1, 2019 By: /s/ Michael M. Larsen

Michael M. Larsen

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer