

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

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NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One):  Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  Form N-SAR  Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2016

Transition Report on Form 10-K

Transition Report on Form 20-F

Transition Report on Form 11-K

Transition Report on Form 10-Q

Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.**

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

**PART I -- REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

Arête Industries, Inc.

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

7260 Osceola Street

Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

Westminster, Colorado 80030

City, State and Zip Code

**PART II -- RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report on Form 10-K, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

**PART III -- NARRATIVE**

The Registrant is unable to file its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, within the prescribed time period because the Registrant has not completed all of the information necessary to complete the Form 10-K and the Registrant's independent accountants need to finish their review of the Registrant's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

*This Notification of Late Filing on Form 12b-25 includes certain statements which may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the Federal securities laws. Although the Registrant believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions it can give no assurance that its expectations will be achieved. Forward-looking information is subject to certain risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. For forward-looking statements herein, the Registrant claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other protections under the Federal securities laws. The Registrant assumes no obligation to update or supplement any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

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**PART IV-- OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Nicholas L. Scheidt	(303)	427-8688
(Name)	(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes  No

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 has not been filed.

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?  Yes  No

**Arête Industries, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 10, 2017

By: /s/ Nicholas L. Scheidt

Nicholas L. Scheidt  
Chief Executive Officer