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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 AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Date of report (date of earliest event reported): May 3, 2016

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-35713 45-2681082 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

2529 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 200

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 627-9088

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

ITEM 1.02 TERMINATION OF A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

As described in Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s ("Company") employment of Steven Belote, its Chief Operating Officer will end on July 31, 2016, and his employment agreement dated March 14, 2016 will terminate as of such date. Mr. Belote's employment agreement provides for certain severance payments and benefits following the termination of his employment. To the extent required by Item 1.02 of Form 8-K, the information contained or incorporated by reference in Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K regarding Mr. Belote is incorporated herein by reference to this Item 1.02.

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On May 3, 2016, the Company eliminated the position of Chief Operating Officer currently held by Mr. Belote, effective July 31, 2016. Accordingly, Mr. Belote's employment with the Company will end on July 31, 2016.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On May 3, 2016, the Company issued a press release regarding the matters described in this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial statement of businesses acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell company transactions. Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. Press

release

99.1 dated May 3,

2016.

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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.

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Jon S. Wheeler Jon S. Wheeler Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 3, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Description of Exhibit

Press

99.1 release dated May 3, 2016.