

**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 Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 23, 2022

**Steel Connect, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<u>001-35319</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>04-2921333</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<u>2000 Midway Ln Smyrna, Tennessee</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<u>37167</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (914) 461-1276

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	STCN	Nasdaq Capital Market
Rights to Purchase Series D Junior Participating Preferred Stock	--	Nasdaq Capital Market

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).

Emerging growth company

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 8.01. Other Events.**

As previously reported, a hearing was held on August 12, 2022 concerning the proposed settlement of the *Reith v. Lichtenstein, et al.*, C.A. No. 2018-0277-MTZ (Del. Ch. 2018) class and derivative action. On August 18, 2022, the Court raised questions about various matters with respect to the proposed settlement and award of attorneys' fees, and directed the parties to make supplemental submissions, which the plaintiff, the defendants and the objector subsequently filed. On September 21, 2022, the parties and objector submitted to the Court an amendment to the stipulation of settlement, also as previously reported.

At a telephonic hearing on September 23, 2022, the Court denied approval of the proposed settlement. The Court determined that the parties had not satisfactorily addressed the concerns it had expressed on August 18, 2022, and had not satisfied the Court that the settlement was fair and in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders. A transcript of the Court's remarks explaining the decision will be posted on the Company's website at <https://ir.steelconnectinc.com/investor-information> as soon as it is available. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed acquisition of Steel Connect by Steel Partners. In connection with the proposed merger, Steel Connect will file with the SEC and furnish to Steel Connect's stockholders a proxy statement and other relevant documents. This communication does not constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, STEEL CONNECT'S STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MERGER OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROXY STATEMENT BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER.

Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement and other relevant documents filed by Steel Connect with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement and other relevant documents from Steel Connect's website at [www.steelconnectinc.com](http://www.steelconnectinc.com) or by directing a request to Steel Connect, Inc., Attn: Chief Financial Officer, 2000 Midway Lane, Smyrna, Tennessee 37167 or by calling (914) 461-1276.

### **Participants in the Solicitation**

Steel Connect and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of Steel Connect may be deemed to be "participants" in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Steel Connect in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the interests of the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the stockholders of Steel Connect in connection with the proposed merger, which may be different than those of Steel Connect's stockholders generally, are set forth in the proxy statement and the other relevant documents to be filed with the SEC. Stockholders can find information about Steel Connect and its directors and executive officers and their ownership of Steel Connect common stock in the proxy statement, and additional information about the ownership of Steel Connect common stock by Steel Connect's directors and executive officers is included in their Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed with the SEC.

**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Steel Connect, Inc.

By: /s/ Jason Wong

Name: Jason Wong

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 23, 2022