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

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 8)1

Avid Technology, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

05367P100 (CUSIP Number)

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November 7, 2023
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 8"). This Amendment No. 8 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 4. <u>Purpose of Transaction</u>.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

As previously disclosed, on August 9, 2023, the Issuer entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Artisan Bidco, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), and Artisan Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"). Effective November 7, 2023, among other things, Merger Sub merged with and into the Issuer, with the Issuer surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent (the "Merger"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each Share issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time was cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive \$27.05 in cash, subject to any required tax withholding in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement. Additionally, pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at the Effective Time, each unvested restricted stock unit ("RSU") award, including each unvested award of performance-based RSUs, was automatically cancelled and converted solely into the contingent right to receive a cash payment equal to the product of (i) the number of RSUs subject to such unvested RSU award immediately prior to the Effective Time multiplied by (ii) \$27.05, with such converted cash award generally subject to the same vesting terms and conditions that applied to the corresponding RSU prior to the Effective Time, with payment forfeited to the extent vesting is not satisfied, except if the holder's service is terminated without cause. Accordingly, as a result of the Merger, the Reporting Persons no longer beneficially own any Shares of the Issuer.

Item 5. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer.</u>

Items 5(a) - (e) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

- (a) (b) Effective November 7, 2023, as a result of the Merger, each Share owned by the Reporting Persons was converted into the right to receive \$27.05 in cash, pursuant to the Merger Agreement. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons no longer beneficially own any Shares of the Issuer.
- (c) Except as otherwise disclosed herein, the Reporting Persons have not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days.
 - (d) Not applicable.
- (e) As of the close of business on November 7, 2023, the Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Shares of the Issuer.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 7, 2023

Impactive Capital GP LLC

By: /s/ Lauren Taylor Wolfe

Name: Lauren Taylor Wolfe Title: Managing Member

Impactive Capital LP

By: Impactive Capital LLC

its general partner

By: /s/ Lauren Taylor Wolfe

Name: Lauren Taylor Wolfe Title: Managing Member

Impactive Capital LLC

By: /s/ Lauren Taylor Wolfe

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/s/ Christian Asmar

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