UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date

November 14, 2017 (Date of earliest event reported)

TELKONET, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Utah

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

<u>000-31972</u>

(Commission File No.)

<u>87-0627421</u>

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

20800 Swenson Drive, Suite 175, Waukesha, WI 53186 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

> <u>414.302.2299</u> (Registrant's Telephone Number)

> > Not Applicable

(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)

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□ 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))

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. \Box

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 14, 2017 Telkonet, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing results for the quarter ended September 30, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached as exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 14, 2017

SIGNATURES

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.

TELKONET, INC.

Date: November 14, 2017

By: <u>/s/ Jason L. Tienor</u> Jason L. Tienor President and Chief Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Telkonet Announces Third Quarter 2017 Financial Results New Key Initiatives Driving Revenue Growth and Successes Teleconference and Webcast to be Held Today at 4:30 P.M. EST

WAUKESHA (November 14, 2017) - Telkonet, Inc. (OTCQB: TKOI), (the "Company", "Telkonet"), creator of the EcoSmart platform of intelligent automation solutions designed to optimize comfort, energy efficiency and operational analytics in support of the emerging Internet of Things (IoT), today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. Telkonet management will hold a teleconference to discuss these results with the financial community today at 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT.

"With the redevelopment of Telkonet's operations following our divestiture of EthoStream now completed, the third quarter enabled Telkonet to refocus on its' core business growth," stated Jason Tienor, Telkonet's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Through the deployment of new tools and resources designed to drive sales enablement and success, we are now beginning to recognize their potential."

Operating and Financial Highlights Comparison for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

- The Company completed the divestiture of its hospitality networking assets for \$12.75 million in March 2017.
- Net income attributable to common stockholders increased to \$4.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to a loss of \$0.9 million in the prior year period
- Working capital from continuing operations increased to \$9.8 million as of September 30, 2017 compared to zero as of December 31, 2016
- Operating expense decreased 9% to \$5.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$6.4 million in the prior year period
- Operating expense decreased 9% to \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$1.9 million in the prior year period
- Selling, general and administrative expense decreased 17% to \$1.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$1.4 million in the prior year period
- The Company's EcoSmart Platform was selected for deployment throughout one of the most prestigious venues in Las Vegas
- · Opportunities completed across all core markets served by EcoSmart including Hospitality, Healthcare, Military, MDU and Education
- · Added the role of Director of Marketing driving engagement and awareness throughout core markets
- Advancement of the EcoSmart Platform through the release of Zigbee HA-compliant Plus product line
- · Launch of Telkonet Partner Week to tremendous success

"I'm very proud of Telkonet's staff for what they've been able to accomplish in a short period of time," continued Tienor. "Through rearchitecting the organization with a focus on simplicity, satisfaction and revenue growth, we feel that we're positioned well for our future. Our partner channel has never been stronger and more active and our opportunity pipeline more impressive."

Financial Results Review

2017 Quarterly and Year to Date

<u>Revenue</u>: Total revenue from continuing operations increased \$0.5 million to \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$1.5 million for the comparable period in 2016. Total revenue from continuing operations decreased \$0.6 million to \$6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$6.7 million for the comparable period in 2016.

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<u>Product Revenue</u>: Product revenue which principally arises from the sales and installation of our EcoSmart energy management platform increased 40% to \$1.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$1.4 million for the comparable period in 2016. Product revenue decreased 10% to \$5.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$6.4 million for the comparable period in 2016.

<u>Gross Margin</u>: Gross profit percentages decreased to 40% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 from 46% for the comparable period in 2016. Gross profit percentages decreased to 45% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from 51% for the comparable period in 2016.

<u>Net Loss</u>: The Company reported a net loss from continuing operations of \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to a net loss from continuing operations of \$1.2 million for the comparable period in 2016. The Company reported a net loss from continuing operations of \$3.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Teleconference

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 Time: 4:30 p.m. EST (3:30 p.m. CDT, 1:30 p.m. PST)

Investor Dial-In (Toll Free US & Canada): 877-407-9171 Investor Dial-In (International): 201-493-6757

A replay of the teleconference will be available until November 28, 2017, which can be accessed by dialing (877) 660-6853 if calling within the US & Canada or (201) 612-7415, if calling internationally. Please enter conference ID # 13649459 to access the replay.

NON-GAAP Financial Measures

Telkonet will post to the Company's investor relations web site (www.telkonet.com) any reconciliation of differences between non-GAAP financial information that may be required in connection with issuing the Company's financial results.

The Company, as is common in its industry, uses adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations, a non-GAAP measurement gauge to demonstrate earnings exclusive of interest and non-cash events. The Company manages its business based on its cash flows. The Company, in its daily management of its business affairs and analysis of its monthly, quarterly and annual performance, makes its decisions based on cash flows, not on the amortization of assets obtained through historical activities. The Company, in managing its current and future affairs, cannot affect the amortization of the intangible assets to any material degree, and therefore uses adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations as its primary management guide. Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations is not, and should not be considered, an alternative to net income (loss), income (loss) from continuing operations, or any other measure for determining operating performance of liquidity, as determined under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). In assessing the overall health of its business for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company excluded items in the following general category described below:

- Stock-based compensation: The Company believes that because of the variety of equity awards used by companies, varying
 methodologies for determining stock-based compensation and the assumptions and estimates involved in those determinations, the
 exclusion of non-cash stock-based compensation enhances the ability of management and investors to understand the impact of noncash stock-based compensation on our operating results. Further, the Company believes that excluding stock-based compensation
 expense allows for a more transparent comparison of its financial results to the previous period.
- Bonuses paid to executives upon sale of discontinued operations: The Company does not consider the bonuses of \$87,750 associated with the sale of Ethostream to be indicative of current or future operating performance. Therefore, the Company does not consider the inclusion of these costs helpful in assessing its current financial performance compared to the previous year.

Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations and other non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, a measure of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Further, investors are cautioned that there are inherent limitations associated with the use of the non-GAAP financial measure as an analytical tool. In particular, the non-GAAP financial measure is not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles and many of the adjustments to the GAAP financial measure reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and will be reflected in the Company's financial results for the foreseeable future. The Company compensates for these limitations by providing specific information in the reconciliation included in this press release regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from the non-GAAP financial measure.



ABOUT TELKONET

Telkonet, Inc. (OTCQB: TKOI) provides innovative intelligent automation platforms at the forefront of the Internet of Things (IoT) space. Helping commercial audiences better manage operational costs, the Company's EcoSmart intelligent automation platform is supported by a full-suite of IoT-connected devices that provide in-depth energy usage information and analysis, allowing building operators to reduce energy expenses. Vertical markets that benefit from EcoSmart products include hospitality, education, military, government, healthcare and multiple dwelling housing. Telkonet was founded in 1977 and is based in Waukesha, WI. For more information, visit www.telkonet.com.

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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements included in this release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties such as competitive factors, technological development, market demand and the Company's ability to obtain new contracts and accurately estimate net revenue due to variability in size, scope and duration of projects, and internal issues in the sponsoring client. Further information on potential factors that could affect the Company's financial results, can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and in its Reports on Forms 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").





TELKONET, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	-	2017		2016		2017		2016
Revenues, net:								
Product	\$	1,904,571	\$	1,360,887	\$	5,728,878	\$	6,356,437
Recurring		131,665		143,028		344,708		340,412
Total Net Revenue	_	2,036,236	_	1,503,915	_	6,073,586	_	6,696,849
Cost of Sales:								
Product		1,160,019		770,830		3,233,978		3,194,094
Recurring		55,702		36,618		118,347		92,324
Total Cost of Sales		1,215,721		807,448		3,352,325		3,286,418
Gross Profit		820,515		696,467		2,721,261		3,410,431
Operating Expenses:								
Research and development		500,656		429,622		1,323,669		1,321,007
Selling, general and administrative		1,188,905		1,432,489		4,396,667		5,012,249
Depreciation and amortization		14,616		8,382		34,405		24,366
Total Operating Expenses		1,704,177		1,870,493		5,754,741		6,357,622
Operating Loss		(883,662)		(1,174,026)		(3,033,480)		(2,947,191)
Other Income (Expenses):								
Interest income (expense), net		8,722		(15,482)		2,797		(45,308)
Total Other Income (Expense)		8,722		(15,482)	_	2,797	_	(45,308)
Loss from Continuing Operations before Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes		(874,940)		(1,189,508)		(3,030,683)		(2,992,499)
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes		(3,600)		2,575		4,301		3,200
Net loss from continuing operations		(871,340)	_	(1,192,083)	_	(3,034,984)	_	(2,995,699)
Discontinued Operations:				()))				(),,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Gain from sale of discontinued operations (net of tax)		218,000		_		6,602,871		
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)				700 007				2 050 000
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$	11,403 (641,937)	\$	798,887 (393,196)	\$	602,060 4,169,947	\$	2,050,998 (944,701)
Net income (loss) per common share:								
Basic - continuing operations	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.02)
Basic - discontinued operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01	\$	0.05	\$	0.02
Basic – net income (loss) attributable to common								
stockholders	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.00)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.00)
Diluted - continuing operations	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.02)
Diluted - discontinued operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01	\$	0.05	\$	0.02
Diluted – net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.00)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.00)
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding –		122 221 2/7		122 214 040		122 007 920		120 200 200
basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding –		133,231,367		132,314,049		133,007,830		130,399,390
diluted		133,231,367		132,314,049		133,405,096		130,399,390



RECONCILIATION OF NET LOSS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS TO ADJUSTED EBITDA (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2017		2016		2017		2016		
Net loss from continuing operations	\$	(871,340)	\$	(1,192,083)	\$	(3,034,984)	\$	(2,995,699)	
Interest (income) expense, net		(8,722)		15,482		(2,797)		45,308	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		(3,600)		2,575		4,301		3,200	
Depreciation and amortization		14,616		8,382		34,405		24,366	
EBITDA – continuing operations		(869,046)		(1,165,644)		(2,999,075)		(2,922,825)	
Adjustments:						,			
Stock-based compensation		2,343		2,703		320,545		10,204	
Bonuses paid to executives upon sale of discontinued									
operations		_		_		87,750		_	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(866,703)	\$	(1,162,941)	\$	(2,590,780)	\$	(2,912,621)	

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