

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): October 18, 2024

Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-23329
(Commission File
Number)

56-1928817
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

170 Southport Drive
Morrisville, North Carolina
(Address of principal executive offices)

27560
(Zip Code)

(919) 468-0399
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(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:

- 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, no par value per share	CTHR	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On October 18, 2024, Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (the “Company”) received a notice (the “Notice”) from the Listing Qualifications Department of the Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) indicating that because the Company had not yet filed its Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “Form 10-K”), the Company was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5250(c)(1) (the “Listing Rule”) requiring Nasdaq-listed companies to timely file all periodic financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The Form 10-K was due on September 30, 2024. The Company filed a Notification of Late Filing on Form 12b-25 with the SEC on October 1, 2024.

The Notice states that the Company has 60 calendar days, or until December 17, 2024, to regain compliance with the Listing Rule or to submit a plan to regain compliance with the Listing Rule (the “Plan”). If Nasdaq accepts the Company’s Plan to regain compliance, then Nasdaq may grant the Company up to 180 calendar days from the Form 10-K filing due date, or until April 14, 2025, to file its Form 10-K to regain compliance. If Nasdaq does not accept the Company’s Plan, then the Company will have the opportunity to appeal that decision to a Nasdaq Hearings Panel. The Notice has no immediate effect on the listing or trading of the Company’s common stock on Nasdaq.

The Company is working diligently to complete its Form 10-K and plans to file its Form 10-K as promptly as practicable to regain compliance with the Listing Rule.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information contained in Item 3.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

On October 24, 2024, the Company issued a press release in accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(b) announcing that the Company had received the Notice. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated into this Item 7.01, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Exchange Act, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Forward-Looking Statements

This filing contains a number of forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Words such as “plan,” “expect,” “will,” “working,” and variations of such words and similar future or conditional expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the expected filing of its Form 10-K and ability to regain compliance under the Nasdaq listing rule. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and beyond our control. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors detailed in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risks and uncertainties described in more detail in our filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and subsequent reports filed with the SEC. For example, there can be no assurance that the Company will regain compliance with the Listing Rule during any compliance period or in the future, or otherwise meet Nasdaq compliance standards. The Company disclaims and does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement in this report, except as required by applicable law or regulation.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Document

[99.1](#) [Press Release dated October 24, 2024](#)

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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.

Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

October 24, 2024

By /s/ Clint J. Pete
Clint J. Pete
Chief Financial Officer



Charles & Colvard, Ltd. Receives Non-Compliance Letter from Nasdaq

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., October 24, 2024 – Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (“Charles & Colvard” or the “Company”) (Nasdaq: CTHR) today announced that on October 18, 2024, it received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Department of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) notifying the Company that it was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5250(c)(1), which requires the timely filing of all required periodic reports (the “Listing Rule”), as a result of not having timely filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “Form 10-K”), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The Form 10-K was due on September 30, 2024. The Company filed a Notification of Late Filing on Form 12b-25 with the SEC on October 1, 2024.

The Notice has no immediate effect on the listing or trading of the Company’s common stock on Nasdaq. Under Nasdaq rules, the Company has 60 calendar days, or until December 17, 2024, to regain compliance with the Listing Rule or to submit to Nasdaq a plan to regain compliance with the Listing Rule (the “Plan”). If Nasdaq accepts the Company’s Plan, then Nasdaq may grant the Company up to 180 calendar days from the Form 10-K filing due date, or until April 14, 2025 to regain compliance. If Nasdaq does not accept the Company’s Plan, then the Company will have the opportunity to appeal that decision to a Nasdaq Hearings Panel.

The Company is working diligently to complete its Form 10-K and plans to file its Form 10-K as promptly as practicable to regain compliance with the Listing Rule.

About Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (Nasdaq: CTHR) believes that fine jewelry should be as ethical as it is exquisite. Charles & Colvard is the original creator of lab grown moissanite (a rare gemstone formed from silicon carbide). The Company brings revolutionary gems and fine jewelry to market by using exclusively Made, not Mined™ above ground gemstones and a dedication to 100% recycled precious metals. The Company's Forever One™ moissanite and Caydia® lab grown diamond brands provide exceptional quality, incredible value and a conscious approach to bridal, high fashion, and everyday jewelry. Charles & Colvard was founded in 1995 and is based in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park region. For more information, please visit <https://www.charlesandcolvard.com/>.

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