

**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): **January 6, 2022**

Desktop Metal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38835

(Commission
File Number)

83-2044042

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

63 Third Avenue

Burlington, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

01803

(Zip Code)

(978) 224-1244

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
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	DM	New York Stock Exchange

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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 6, 2022, Desktop Metal, Inc. (the "Company") issued an annual review letter from its Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the letter is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and shall not be deemed "filed" for 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 Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly provided by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Letter from Chief Executive Officer dated January 6, 2022
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

Desktop Metal, Inc.

Date: January 6, 2022

By: /s/ Ric Fulop
Name: Ric Fulop
Title: Chief Executive Officer



2021 Year in Review and Annual Letter

To the stakeholders of Desktop Metal:

In 2015, Desktop Metal was founded with an audacious goal that had long eluded the 3D printing industry **mass production**. We did not choose this goal lightly.

While more manufacturers than ever were benefiting from 3D printed prototypes, tooling and low-volume applications, few were scaling to high volumes because the technology was too slow and expensive for production.

Our team was determined to overcome this hurdle because we passionately believe that 3D printing can deliver important innovation and sustainability benefits to the world. These benefits – such as lighter components, shorter supply chains, and reduced waste, to name just a few – are more important to our changing world than ever before. But our team knew: these benefits won't be truly meaningful to society until the technology is affordable vs. conventional manufacturing and fast enough to be used for real series production.

This was, and remains, the heart of our vision for Additive Manufacturing 2.0.

In 2021, our first full year as a publicly traded company, we reaffirmed our commitment to this goal and are building an army of engineers, PhDs and industry leaders to push the 3D printing industry into this long-elusive territory.

In addition to driving triple-digit YOY growth in our organic metal offerings through the first three quarters of 2021, we locked up important assets as we executed on a focused, three-pronged strategy:

1. Gain supremacy in 3D printing platforms that can deliver a combination of speed, tolerances, surface finish and material properties to truly qualify as high volume production tools at a cost that competes with conventional manufacturing.
 - o Of the seven 3D printing processes recognized by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)¹, we focus primarily on only two — binder jetting and digital light processing² — both of which are known for enabling high throughput area-wide processing and for improving over time based on investments from third parties.

¹ <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/amrg/about/the7categoriesofadditivemanufacturing/>

² Digital light processing is a high-throughput variant of Vat Photopolymerization.

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- o Through our acquisition of ExOne, we now have the broadest selection of binder jetting solutions, a strong IP portfolio, and the most experienced team in our industry. We are now the No. 1 binder jetting company by market share³.
 - o Through our acquisition of EnvisionTEC, the original innovator in digital light processing, we have gained entry at scale into photopolymer mass production as well as access to over 135 issued and pending foundational patents (many of which we believe to be blocking) and a rich library of best-in-class materials.
 - o We have made significant progress on our Production System P-50 program. Despite an unusual supply chain environment, we are now in a position to start shipping P-50 printers within single digit weeks and we've tripled production capacity to accelerate our manufacturing ramp in 2022.
 - o Our first full year of selling and installing Shop Systems has been a big success turning the product into the No. 1 selling metal binder jet printer in the world, with SMEs delighted by the speed, quality and ease of use of this turnkey production metal binder jet system.
2. Vertically integrate into the consumables for our printers to strengthen our high-margin recurring revenue streams and enable reliable, high-performance parts for our customers.
 - o Over the course of the year, we expanded beyond metals to bring the benefits of production 3D printing to parts and products made with photo-polymers, ceramics, composites, elastomers, and waste stream materials, such as wood.
 - o Our new Flexcera™ resins, for example, are already being used for high-volume production of dentures with industry-leading properties.
 - o Adaptive3D offers our customers the world's best performing printed elastomers⁴; we believe their resins, combined with our Xtreme 8K solution will usher in a new era of productivity in photopolymer printing.
 3. Advance new, killer applications designed to drive high-volume adoption of 3D printing.
 - o Our new Forust process builds a greener future through 3D printed wood derived from two wood waste streams: sawdust and lignin. This business is running well ahead of plan.
 - o Aidro is taking 3D printing of high-performance hydraulic components, such as valves and manifolds, for the energy and aerospace industries to new volumes. We are excited to report that Aidro now has parts that are flight qualified at a leading aerospace company.

³ Company estimates based on publicly-available third-party data and market analysis.

⁴ Data based on publicly-available technical data sheets for commercially available elastomer materials (see slide 15 of Desktop Metal's Q1 Financial Results Presentation).

- o We launched Desktop Health to accelerate 3D printed dental and biofabrication applications at scale. Our advanced dental solutions are already being used widely. In the second half of 2021, customers printed over 100,000 Flexcera dentures, and we now count over 12,000 dentists as customers of our parts platform. Dental is one of the fastest growing segments of our business and we believe a substantial portion of the \$30B⁵ in annual spend on restorations and orthodontic appliances currently procured by dentists will transition to digital manufacturing by the end of the decade, going right from the 3D printer into the patient’s mouth.

Over the course of the year, we demonstrated record growth and our expanding team remained focused through incredible external and internal change. We are entering the year a much stronger company, positioned for outsized growth into 2022 and beyond. In the past year alone, we have:

- o Grown our IP portfolio to more than 650 patents, up from 120 just a year ago⁶.
- o Assembled one of the world’s leading team of production 3D printing experts. #TeamDM grew from 200 to more than 1,000 around the world, and we’re completely dedicated to the mission of making mass production via 3D printing fast, affordable, and impactful to the world.
- o Grown our global manufacturing customer base from about 400 to 6,000+.
- o Augmented go-to-market efforts by adding a direct sales force through the ExOne acquisition and expanding from 90 to over 200+ sales partners, now serving more than 65 countries.
- o Grown our materials library from less than 20 to more than 250 materials that span metals, composites, polymers, ceramics, biocompatible materials, sands, wood, and elastomers. This was a herculean team effort and will be a key differentiator for our company going forward as materials drive applications and applications drive adoption of printing in mass production.

In sum, our team is well on its way to transforming what it means to make things, and we’re excited to demonstrate how our progress will translate into consistent financial outperformance.

⁵ Source: Global Industry Analysts, Inc., Dental Laboratories – Global Market Trajectory & Analytics (July 2020).

⁶ Figures represent issued patents and pending patent applications.

We stand by our goal to reach ~\$1B in revenue by 2025. We remain true to our strategy, outlined in our plan to go public, to leverage inorganic upside to grow; the investments we made in 2021 better position our company to reach and potentially accelerate that milestone.

When you see our overall performance in 2021, it showcases our commitment to delivering on the vision of mass production 3D printing and why we believe we are on the path to our long-term goal of achieving double digit share of the \$146B market that additive manufacturing is estimated to represent by 2030⁷. It’s worth noting that, even then, additive manufacturing as an industry will still be in its infancy, representing only ~1% of the estimated \$12 trillion of global spend in the overall manufacturing sector⁸.

I want to thank our many customers — small and large, alike — who placed their trust in our company during 2021 to help them solve some of their most challenging design, engineering, and manufacturing problems.

We are well capitalized, and our plan remains to be adjusted-EBITDA positive by the end of 2023. Once we achieve that goal, we intend to reinvest all surplus back to meet our long-term growth objectives and continually improve our market share position. Eventually, this will lead to a dominant position with outsized profitability.

We have incredible things in store for 2022. We are building a flywheel of printers, materials, and killer applications that we believe will transform what it means to manufacture in a world that requires more sustainable and flexible means of production.

As we enter the new year, we’re delighted to have the good fortune of brilliant technical teams that are energized to work together for this greater good, and we thank you for your commitment to #TeamDM as we execute on our mission with more passion than ever.

Come join us on this journey to change the way we make things,

Onwards!

Ric

⁷ Source: Wohlers Report 2020 (2000 – 2019 actuals; 2020 – 2029 forecast); 2030 figure based on management calculations.

⁸ Source: A.T. Kearney 2017.



This letter to stakeholders contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words “believe,” “project,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “intend,” “strategy,” “future,” “opportunity,” “plan,” “may,” “should,” “will,” “would,” “will be,” “will continue,” “will likely result,” and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are predictions, projections and other statements about future events that are based on current expectations and assumptions and, as a result, are subject to risks and uncertainties. Many factors could cause actual future events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this document, including but not limited to the risks and uncertainties set forth in Desktop Metal, Inc.’s filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These filings identify and address other important risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events and results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and Desktop Metal, Inc. assumes no obligation and does not intend to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.
