

**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): July 14, 2022

AURORA INNOVATION, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-40216

(Commission File Number)

98-1562265

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1654 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA

(Address of principal executive offices)

15222

(Zip Code)

(888) 583-9506

(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 \$0.00001 per share	AUR	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Redeemable warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50	AUROW	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) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2).

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 Disclosures

On July 14, 2022, the Company issued a press release announcing the achievement of a milestone on the path to commercial launch for the Aurora Driver, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01 (including the exhibit) shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News release of the Company dated July 14, 2022, announcing achievement of milestone towards commercial launch.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File.

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.

Dated: July 14, 2022

AURORA INNOVATION, INC.

By: /s/ Richard Tame
Name: Richard Tame
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Aurora Achieves Product Milestone: Demonstrates Autonomous Vehicles Safely Navigating On-Road System Issues

Q2 product update enables Aurora Driver to detect and safely respond to issues without the aid of a vehicle operator



DALLAS – July 14, 2022 – At the end of Q2, Aurora Innovation, Inc. (NASDAQ: AUR) delivered its Beta 3.0 product update and demonstrated its Fault Management System – specifically the Aurora Driver’s ability to detect system issues and respond by safely pulling over to the side of the road without any human involvement. A reliable Fault Management System is essential for safely operating autonomous vehicle fleets for commercial customers and enabling broad commercialization.

Earlier this year, Aurora committed to demonstrating its Fault Management System in Q3. With this update, the company achieved its milestone a quarter ahead of schedule and implemented it on Aurora-powered trucks operating on public roads at highway speeds.

“Any of a number of factors, from blown tires to damaged sensors, can compromise a vehicle while on the road,” stated Sterling Anderson, Aurora Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer. “Safely detecting and responding to those issues is essential for a reliable self-driving product



operating at scale. Our Fault Management System lays the groundwork for safe autonomous operations without vehicle operators, chase vehicles, or remote human fallback systems.”

Aurora’s Fault Management System

Aurora’s Fault Management System is designed to actively monitor the health of the vehicle, including the self-driving software, sensors, and on-board computer. When it detects an issue, the Fault Management System will intervene – navigating the vehicle to a safe stopping location from which the issue can be addressed. This is a critical capability for removing vehicle operators, meeting the rigorous requirements of Aurora’s Safety Case Framework, and ultimately scaling its autonomous vehicle fleets broadly.

To demonstrate this system on public roads, engineers introduced artificial faults that the Aurora Driver interpreted as sensor damage. The Aurora Driver responded by activating the autonomous vehicle’s hazard lights, reducing its speed, and safely pulling over to the side of the road.

As with other elements of the Aurora Driver, the Fault Management System was developed and extensively tested first in Aurora’s Virtual Testing Suite, enabling safer, more rapid implementation in the real world. As Aurora prepares to launch its commercial products, this Fault Management System architecture will advance to recognize and respond to additional system issues while on the road.

“Ensuring our autonomous vehicles are safe, even when system issues occur, is a key component of completing our Safety Case Framework,” said Nat Beuse, Vice President of Safety for Aurora. “This is an important step toward removing vehicle operators and commercially deploying driverless vehicles.”

Aurora Driver Beta 3.0 Product Update

The demonstration of the Fault Management System complements Aurora’s release of its Beta 3.0 product update. This update focuses on end-to-end autonomous operations between Aurora’s terminals that help further advance the Aurora Driver toward commercial readiness, including navigating complicated surface streets between terminals and highways.

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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Press Release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements contained in this press release that do not relate to matters of historical fact should be considered forward-looking statements, including but not limited to, those statements around product development and commercialization efforts. These statements are based on management’s current assumptions and are neither promises nor guarantees, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. For factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this press release, please see the risks and uncertainties identified under

the heading "Risk Factors" section of Aurora Innovation, Inc.'s ("Aurora") Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, filed with the SEC on May 12, 2022, and other documents filed by Aurora from time to time with the SEC, which are accessible on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. All forward-looking statements reflect our beliefs and assumptions only as of the date of this press release. Aurora undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances.

About Aurora

Aurora (Nasdaq: AUR) is delivering the benefits of self-driving technology safely, quickly, and broadly to make transportation safer, increasingly accessible, and more reliable and efficient than ever before. The Aurora Driver is a self-driving system designed to operate multiple vehicle types, from freight-hauling semi-trucks to ride-hailing passenger vehicles, and underpins Aurora Horizon and Aurora Connect, its driver-as-a-service products for trucking and ride-hailing. Aurora is partnered with industry leaders across the transportation ecosystem, including Toyota, FedEx, Volvo Trucks, PACCAR, Uber, Uber Freight, U.S. Xpress, Werner, and Covenant. To learn more, visit aurora.tech.