

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

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

3355 Michelson Drive, Suite 100

33-0956711
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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Irvine, California 92612

(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Global Management and Employee Stock Option Plan

Amplidata N.V. Stock Option Plan 2013

Amplidata N.V. 2013 Stock Incentive Plan

Amplidata NV Stock Option Plan 2014

Amplidata NV 2014 Stock Incentive Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Michael C. Ray

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Western Digital Corporation

3355 Michelson Drive, Suite 100

Irvine, California 92612

(949) 672-7000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities | Amount | Proposed | Proposed | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| To Be Registered | To Be Registered | Maximum Offering Price | Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount Of Registration Fee |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, issuable pursuant to assumed stock options under Global Management and Employee Stock Option Plan (including its sub-plans, the Amplidata N.V. Stock Option Plan 2013 and Amplidata N.V. 2013 Stock Incentive Plan) | 15,269 ⁽¹⁾ | \$5.71 ⁽²⁾ | \$87,185.99 ⁽²⁾ | \$10.13 |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, issuable pursuant to assumed stock options under Amplidata NV Stock Option Plan 2014 (including its sub-plan, the Amplidata NV 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) | 68,567 ⁽¹⁾ | \$2.99 ⁽²⁾ | \$205,015.33 ⁽²⁾ | \$23.82 |

(1) This Registration Statement covers, in addition to the number of shares of Western Digital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company or the Registrant), common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), stated above, options and other rights to purchase or acquire the shares of Common Stock covered by this Registration Statement and, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), an additional indeterminate number of shares, options and rights that may be offered or issued pursuant to the Global Management and Employee Stock Option Plan (including its sub-plans, the Amplidata N.V. Stock Option Plan 2013 and Amplidata N.V. 2013 Stock Incentive Plan) and Amplidata NV Stock Option Plan 2014 (including its sub-plan, the Amplidata NV 2014 Stock Incentive Plan) (collectively, the Plans) as a result of one or more adjustments under one or more Plans to prevent dilution resulting from one or more stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act based upon the weighted average exercise price of the options outstanding under this plan.

The Exhibit Index for this Registration Statement is at page 8.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE

SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information required by Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the instructions to Form S-8. The documents containing such information are not being filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

The following documents of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended June 27, 2014, filed with the Commission on August 15, 2014 (Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (b) The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for its fiscal quarters ended October 3, 2014 and January 2, 2015, filed with the Commission on November 4, 2014 and January 10, 2015, respectively (each, Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (c) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 5, 2015, February 4, 2015, January 27, 2015, January 26, 2015, December 1, 2014, November 13, 2014, November 7, 2014, November 6, 2014, November 5, 2014, November 5, 2014, October 28, 2014, October 8, 2014, August 25, 2014, August 6, 2014, August 5, 2014, July 30, 2014 and July 7, 2014 (each, Commission File No. 001-08703); and
- (d) The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on May 31, 2012 (Commission File No. 001-08703), and any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

The validity of the issuance of Common Stock registered hereby is passed on for the Company by Michael C. Ray. Mr. Ray is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company and is compensated by the Company as an employee. As of the date hereof, Mr. Ray owned 8 shares of Common Stock, 21,084 restricted stock units that are payable in an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock, and Company stock options to acquire up to an additional 61,491 shares of Common Stock.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted under similar standards to those set forth above, except that no indemnification may be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that despite the adjudication of liability, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to be indemnified for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 145 of the DGCL further provides, among other things, that to the extent a present or former director or officer of the corporation has been successful in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsection (a) and (b) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled, and that the corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer of the corporation against any liability asserted against such officer or director and incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liabilities under Section 145.

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the Company's certificate of incorporation provides that a director shall not be liable to the Company or its stockholders for

monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. However, such provision does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions not in good faith or for breaching his or her duty of loyalty, engaging in intentional misconduct or knowingly violating the law, paying a dividend or approving a stock repurchase which was illegal, or obtaining an improper personal benefit. A provision of this type has no effect on the availability of equitable remedies, such as injunction or rescission, for breach of fiduciary duty.

The Company's bylaws require that directors and officers be indemnified to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law. In addition to the indemnification provisions in the Company's bylaws, the Company has entered into indemnity agreements with each director and executive officer of the Company. These indemnity agreements require that the Company indemnify each director and executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

The indemnity agreements also require the Company to make prompt payment of expenses incurred by the director or executive officer in connection with any proceeding upon the request of the director or executive officer in advance of indemnification to the extent permitted by law.

The Company has a policy of directors' liability insurance which insures the directors and officers against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment under certain circumstances stated in the policy.

The above discussion of the DGCL and of the Company's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, and indemnification agreements is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by such statute, certificate of incorporation, bylaws and indemnification agreements.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

See the attached Exhibit Index at page 8, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6 above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Form S-8 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Irvine, State of California, on this 10th day of March, 2015.

WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael C. Ray
Michael C. Ray
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Stephen D. Milligan and Michael C. Ray, and each of them, acting individually and without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments, exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them individually, or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|--|----------------|
| /s/ Stephen D. Milligan Stephen D. Milligan | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Olivier C. Leonetti Olivier C. Leonetti | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | March 10, 2015 |

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| /s/ Thomas E. Pardun Thomas E. Pardun | Chairman of the Board | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Martin I. Cole Martin I. Cole | Director | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Kathleen A. Cote Kathleen A. Cote | Director | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Henry T. DeNero Henry T. DeNero | Director | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Michael D. Lambert Michael D. Lambert | Director | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Len J. Lauer Len J. Lauer | Director | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Matthew E. Massengill Matthew E. Massengill | Director | March 10, 2015 |
| /s/ Paula A. Price Paula A. Price | Director | March 10, 2015 |

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
|----------------|---|
| 4.1 | Global Management and Employee Stock Option Plan. |
| 4.2 | Amplidata N.V. Stock Option Plan 2013. |
| 4.3 | Amplidata N.V. 2013 Stock Incentive Plan. |
| 4.4 | Amplidata NV Stock Option Plan 2014. |
| 4.5 | Amplidata NV 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. |
| 5 | Opinion of Counsel (opinion re: legality). |
| 23.1 | Consent of KPMG LLP (consent of independent registered public accounting firm). |
| 23.2 | Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5). |
| 24 | Power of Attorney (included in this Registration Statement under Signatures). |