## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

|  |  | Washington, D.C. 20549  |  |
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|  |  | FORM 8-K/A  |  |
|  |  | (Amendment No. 1)   |  |
|  |  | CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) he Securities Exchange Act of 1934 | 4  |
|  | Date of Repor  | rt (Date of earliest event reported): March                                       | 22, 2021   |
|  |  | <b>Ecovyst Inc.</b>   |  |
|  |  | Commission File Number: 001-38221   |  |
|  | Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization)                          |   | 81-3406833<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.)                      |
|  | 300 Lindenwood Drive<br>Malvern, Pennsylvania<br>(Address of principal executive offices)              |   | 19355<br>(Zip Code)  |
|  | (Reg   | (610) 651-4400<br>istrant's telephone number, including area code)                |  |
|  | the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is ing provisions:                                    | intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing                                     | obligation of the registrant under any of the                              |
| □ V                                      | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 unde   | r the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)   |  |
|  | Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)                 |   |  |
| □ F                                      | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |   |  |
| □ F                                      | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Ru   | ule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CF)                                       | R 240.13e-4(c))  |
|  | Securities   | registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of th  | e Act:   |
|  | Title of each class  | Trading symbol  | Name of each exchange on which registered                                  |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share |  | ECVT  | New York Stock Exchange  |
|  | e by check mark whether the registrant is an emerger) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of  |   | of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this  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.  $\Box$ 

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A is being filed as an amendment (the "Amendment No. 1") to the Current Report on Form8-K filed by PQ Group Holdings Inc., renamed Ecovyst Inc., (the "Company") on March 23, 2021 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Original Report"). This Amendment No. 1 is being filed to update the effective date of Michael Crews's retirement as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and Michael Feehan's transition to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Except as set forth herein, this Amendment No. 1 does not amend, modify or update the disclosure contained in the Original Report.

## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

As previously reported on March 23, 2021, Michael Crews will retire from his position as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (the "Retirement") and Michael Feehan will transition to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (the "Transition"). The effective date of the Retirement and the Transition have been accelerated, in each case to August 5, 2021.

## 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.

Date: August 4, 2021 **Ecovyst Inc.** 

By: /s/ Joseph S. Koscinski
Name: Joseph S. Koscinski

Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel Title: