# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM S-8

## REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# THE ST. JOE COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Florida 59-0432511

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

133 South WaterSound Parkway WaterSound, Florida 32413

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

#### THE ST. JOE COMPANY 2015 PERFORMANCE AND EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

(Full title of the Plan)

Kenneth M. Borick, Esq. The St. Joe Company 133 South WaterSound Parkway WaterSound, Florida 32413 (850) 231-6400

(Name and address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

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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 o

Accelerated filer  $\square$ 

Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities	Amount to be	Proposed Maximum	Proposed Maximum	
to be Registered (1)	Registered (1)	Offering Price per Share (2)	Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock	1,500,000	\$16.80	\$25,192,500	\$2,536.88

- (1) Represents shares of common stock, no par value per share, of The St. Joe Company (the "Company") to be made available pursuant to The St. Joe Company 2015
  Performance and Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Such amount includes shares of common stock that were previously registered by the Company on Form S-8 (File No. 333-159347), filed and effective on May 19, 2009, in connection with the offer and sale of shares of common stock pursuant to The St. Joe Company 2009 Equity
  Incentive Plan (the "Prior Plan"). The Prior Plan will remain in effect to cover the potential issuance of shares of common stock that remain subject to outstanding awards.
  Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement also registers such indeterminable number of additional shares of common stock as may be required in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar change in the shares.
- (2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act, based upon the average of the high and low sales prices of a share of the Company's common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 4, 2016.

## Part I Information Required in the Section 10(a) Prospectus

The documents containing the information specified in this Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated under the Securities Act. Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (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 of this Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

#### Part II Information Required in the Registration Statement

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents, which have been filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as applicable, other than information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, are incorporated by reference herein:

Commission Filing (File No. 1-10466)

Period Covered or Date of Filing

Annual Report on Form 10-K Year Ended December 31, 2015

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q Quarter Ended March 31, 2016

Current Report on Form 8-K March 22, 2016

Description of our common stock contained in the Registration F
Statement on Form 8-A and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description

February 20, 1990

All documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, other than information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

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 superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Certain legal matters relating to the securities to be offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Cesar Alvarez, one of our directors, is the Senior Chairman of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., which receives from us customary fees for legal services.

#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Under Section 607.0831 of the FBCA, a director is not personally liable for monetary damages to the corporation or any other person for any statement, vote, decision, or failure to act regarding corporate management or policy unless (1) the director breached or failed to perform his or her duties as a director and (2) the director's breach of, or failure to perform, those duties constitutes: (a) a violation of the criminal law, unless the director had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, (b) a transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit, either directly or indirectly, (c) a circumstance under which the liability provisions of Section 607.0834 are applicable, (d) in a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or by or in the right of a shareholder, conscious disregard for the best interest of the corporation, or willful misconduct, or (e) in a proceeding by or in the right of someone other than the corporation or a shareholder, recklessness or an act or omission which was committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. A judgment or other final adjudication against a director in any criminal proceeding for a violation of the criminal law estops that director from contesting the fact that his or her breach, or failure to perform, constitutes a violation of the criminal law; but does not estop the director from establishing that he or she had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Under Section 607.0850 of the FBCA, a corporation has power to indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding (other than an action by, or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she 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 liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she 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 his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or 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 he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, has reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

In addition, under Section 607.0850 of the FBCA, a corporation has the power to indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor 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 and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

Under Section 607.0850 of the FBCA, the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to Section 607.0850 of the FBCA are not exclusive, and a corporation may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director, officer, employee or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his or her actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute: (a) a violation of the criminal law, unless the director, officer, employee or agent had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; (b) a transaction from which the director, officer, employee or agent derived an improper personal benefit; (c) in the case of a director, a circumstance under which the above liability provisions of Section 607.0834 are applicable; or (d) willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for

the best interests of the corporation in a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of a shareholder.

The Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation do not limit the Company's power to indemnify its directors, officers and other employees to the fullest extent permitted by law. Article VI of the Company's bylaws provides that the Company shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by current or future legislation or current or future judicial or administrative decisions (to the extent such future legislation or decisions permit the Company to provide broader indemnification rights than permitted prior to such legislation or decisions), each person who is a party or witness to any proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) against any liability (including any judgment, settlement, penalty or fine) or cost, charge or expense (including reasonable expenses incurred in defending such actions) by reason of the fact that such indemnified person is or was a director, officer or key employee of the Company, or is or was an agent as to whom the Company has agreed to grant such indemnification, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer or key employee of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

The Company has also entered into indemnification agreements with each of the members of its board of directors. Under the terms of the indemnification agreements, each director is entitled to the right of indemnification if, by reason of his or her corporate status, he or she is, or is threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending or completed proceedings. The Company will indemnify each director against expenses, liability and loss in certain circumstances, including but not limited to judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her or on his or her behalf in connection with such proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The Company will indemnify each director for all expenses actually and reasonably incurred if he or she is wholly successful on the merits and will indemnify each director for all expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter if he or she is party successful on the merits. The indemnification agreements also provide for advancement of reasonable expenses, subject to proper notice being submitted to the Company.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and certain officers that provide for the indemnification of our directors and certain officers, to the fullest extent permitted by the Florida Business Corporation Act, our articles of incorporation and our bylaws, against expenses incurred by such persons in connection with their service as (i) our director or officer, (ii) in any capacity with respect to any of our employee benefit plans, or (iii) as a director, partner, trustee, officer, employee or agent of any other entity at our request. In addition, the agreements provide for our obligation to advance expenses, under certain circumstances, and provide for additional procedural protections.

We maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance for our directors and officers.

#### Item 8. Exhibits

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5.1*	Opinion of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., regarding the legality of the common stock being registered.
10.22a*	The St. Joe Company 2015 Performance and Equity Incentive Plan, previously filed with the Commission on March 3, 2016, as Exhibit 10.22a to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.
23.1*	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.
23.2*	Consent of Greenberg Traurig, P.A. (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney of certain directors and officers of Registrant (set forth on the signature page of this registration statement).

#### 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 of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the 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 the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section 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 Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, 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.
- The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the 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.
- Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 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 of 1933, 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 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of WaterSound, State of Florida, on May 6, 2016.

#### The St. Joe Company

By: /s/ Jorge Gonzalez

Name: Jorge Gonzalez

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Jorge Gonzalez and Marek Bakun, and each of them, with full power to act without the other, as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments and supplements to this registration statement, including post-effective amendments, and any additional registration statement pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and other instruments necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to 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 or desirable to be done, and to take or cause to be taken any and all such further actions in connection with such registration statement as such attorneys-in-fact and agents, in each of their sole discretion, deems necessary or appropriate, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Bruce R. Berkowitz	Chairman of the Board	May 6, 2016
Bruce R. Berkowitz	<del>_</del>	
/s/ Jorge Gonzalez	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	May 6, 2016
Jorge Gonzalez	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Marek Bakun	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	May 6, 2016
Marek Bakun	(Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ Susan D. Mermer	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting	May 6, 2016
Susan D. Mermer	Officer)	
/s/ Cesar L. Alvarez	Director	May 6, 2016
Cesar L. Alvarez		
/s/ Howard S. Frank	Director	May 6, 2016
Howard S. Frank		
/s/ Stanley Martin	Director	May 6, 2016
Stanley Martin		
/s/ Thomas P. Murphy, Jr.	Director	May 6, 2016
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/s/ Vito S. Portera	Director	May 6, 2016
Vito S. Portera		

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## Greenberg Traurig, P.A 401 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 2000 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301

May 6, 2016

The St. Joe Company 133 South WaterSound Parkway WaterSound, Florida 32413

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to The St. Joe Company, a Florida corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Such Registration Statement relates to the registration by the Company of 1,500,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, no par value per share, issuable pursuant to the Company's 2015 Performance and Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In so acting, we have examined, considered and relied upon copies of the following documents: (1) the Registration Statement, (2) the Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Company and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, (3) the Plan, and (4) such other documents and instruments that we have deemed necessary for the expression of the opinions contained herein. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed, without independent investigation, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all individuals who have executed any of the documents, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the original documents of all copies.

As to matters of fact relevant to this opinion, we have relied solely upon our examination of the documents referred to above and have assumed the current accuracy and completeness of the information obtained from the documents referred to above and the representations and warranties made by representatives of the Company to us. We have made no independent investigation or other attempt to verify the accuracy of any of such information or to determine the existence or non-existence of any other factual matters.

Based upon the foregoing examination, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered by the Company in accordance with the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We are members of the Bar of the State of Florida and the foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Florida and the federal laws of the United States of America.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

/s/ Greenberg Traurig, P.A.

Greenberg Traurig, P.A.

The Board of Directors The St. Joe Company:

We consent to the use of our reports with respect to the consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting incorporated by reference herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP Jacksonville, Florida May 5, 2016 Certified Public Accountants