

Rocket Fuel Inc.  
Form 10-K/A  
September 08, 2015

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

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FORM 10-K/A

Amendment No. 1

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(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-36071

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ROCKET FUEL INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

30-0472319

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1900 Seaport Boulevard, Pacific Shores Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

(650) 595-1300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (Title of each class)      The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (Name of each  
exchange in which registered)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of each class)

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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 definition 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2014, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was \$599,788,529 based upon the closing price reported for such date on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Shares of common stock held by each executive officer, director and by each person who owns 5% or more of the registrant's outstanding common stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

On February 28, 2015, there were 42,098,774 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001, outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for the registrant's 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of December 31, 2014, the last day of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY

We are an "emerging growth company" as that term is defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 and, as such, we have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements.

ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K/A  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Explanatory Note to Amendment No. 1

Rocket Fuel Inc. (the “Company”) is filing this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (this “Amendment No.1”) to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 16, 2015 (the “Original Form 10-K”), to add the internal control over financial reporting language in the introductory portion of paragraph 4 and 4(b) of the certifications of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Section 302 Certifications”). This language was inadvertently omitted from the Section 302 Certifications attached to the Original Form 10-K. Because no financial statements are contained within this Amendment No.1, paragraph 3 of the Section 302 Certifications has been omitted. The corrected Section 302 Certifications are attached to this Amendment No. 1 as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2.

Except as described above, no other changes have been made to the Original Form 10-K. Except as otherwise indicated herein, this Amendment No.1 continues to speak as of the date of the Original Form 10-K, and the Company has not updated the disclosures contained therein to reflect any events that occurred subsequent to the date of the Original Form 10-K. Accordingly, this Amendment No. 1 should be read in conjunction with the Original Form 10-K and the Company’s filings made with the SEC subsequent to the filing of the Original Form 10-K. The filing of this Amendment No. 1 is not an admission that the Original Form 10-K, when filed, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make a statement not misleading.

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ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

A list of exhibits filed with this Amendment No.1 is found in the Index to Exhibits immediately following the signature page of this Amendment No.1 and is incorporated into this Item 15 by reference.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 4, 2015

**ROCKET FUEL INC.**

By: /s/ David Sankaran

David Sankaran

Chief Financial Officer (Duly Authorized Officer and  
Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference Herein			Filing Date	Filed or Furnished Herewith
		Form	File No.	Exhibit		
2.1(1)	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 4, 2014, by and among Rocket Fuel Inc., Denali Acquisition Sub, Inc., Denali Acquisition Sub II, LLC, X Plus Two Solutions, Inc., and Shareholder Representative Services LLC	S-3	333-199901	2.1	11/6/2014	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant	10-Q	001-36071	3.1	11/13/2013	
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant	10-Q	001-36071	3.2	11/13/2013	
4.1	Form of the Registrant's common stock certificate	S-1/A	333-190695	4.1	9/9/2013	
10.1	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and each of its directors and executive officers	S-1	333-190695	10.1	8/6/2013	
10.2	Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement dated as of December 31, 2014, by and among the Registrant, the lenders that are party thereto and Comerica Bank, as administrative agent for the lenders	8-K	001-36071	10.1	1/7/2015	
10.3*	Separation Agreement, effective as of October 17, 2014, by and between Rocket Fuel Inc. and J. Peter Bardwick	8-K	001-36071	10.01	10/22/14	
10.4*	Consulting Agreement, effective as of October 17, 2014, by and between Rocket Fuel Inc. and J. Peter Bardwick	8-K	001-36071	10.02	10/22/14	
10.5	Lease, dated as of February 17, 2009, by and between 350 Marine Parkway LLC, Gillikin Trade LLC, Lewis Trade LLC, Spiegl Trade LLC, Welsh Trade LLC, and the Registrant, as amended and currently in effect	S-1/A	333-190695	10.4	9/3/2013	
10.6	Office Lease, dated as of August 7, 2013, by and between VII Pac Shores Investors, L.L.C. and the Registrant	S-1/A	333-109695	10.5	9/3/2013	
10.7	Lease, dated as of July 31, 2013, by and between VNO 100 West 33rd Street LLC, and the Registrant	S-1/A	333-109695	10.6	9/3/2013	

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10.8	Amendment of Lease, dated as of December 23, 2013, by and between VNO 100 West 33rd Street LLC, and the Registrant	10-K	001-36071	10.6	2/28/2014
10.9*	The Registrant's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, including form agreements, as amended and currently in effect	S-1	333-190695	10.7	8/16/2013

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10.10*	The Registrant's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, including form agreements, as currently in effect	S-1/A	333-109695	10.8	8/16/2013
10.11*	The Registrant's 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, including form agreements, as currently in effect	S-1/A	333-109695	10.9	9/3/2013
10.12*	Executive Incentive Compensation Plan	S-1/A	333-109695	10.10	8/16/2013
10.13*	Outside Director Compensation Policy	S-1/A	333-109695	10.11	9/3/2013
10.14	Offer Letter between the Registrant and Monte Zweben, dated as of January 29, 2010	S-1/A	333-109695	10.12	8/16/2013
10.15	Offer Letter between the Registrant and Clark Kokich, dated as of April 5, 2011	S-1/A	333-109695	10.13	8/16/2013
10.16	Offer Letter between the Registrant and Ronald E.F. Codd, dated as of February 16, 2012	S-1/A	333-109695	10.14	8/16/2013
10.17	Offer Letter between the Registrant and Susan L. Bostrom, dated as of February 4, 2013	S-1/A	333-109695	10.16	8/16/2013
10.18	Fifth Amended and Restated Investors' Rights Agreements, dated as of June 15, 2012, by and among the Registrant, George H. John, Richard Frankel, Abhinav Gupta and the investors listed on Exhibit A thereto	S-3	333-199901	99.1	11/6/2014
10.19*	Employment Offer Letter between Rocket Fuel Inc. and David Sankaran dated as of December 6, 2014	8-K	001-36071	10.1	12/15/2014
10.20*	Employment Offer Letter between Rocket Fuel Inc. and Manu Thapar dated as of November 16, 2014	10-K	001-36071	10.20	03/16/2015
10.21	Amendment dated March 13, 2015 to Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement dated as of December 31, 2014, by and among the Registrant, the lenders that are party thereto and Comerica Bank, as administrative agent for the lenders	10-K	001-36071	10.21	03/16/2015
21.1	List of subsidiaries of the Registrant	10-K	001-36071	21.1	03/16/2015
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm	10-K	001-36071	23.1	03/16/2015

24.1          Power of Attorney          10-K    001-36071    24.1    03/16/2015

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31.1	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					X
31.2	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					X
32.1(2)	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	10-K	001-36071	32.1	03/16/2015	
32.2(2)	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	10-K	001-36071	32.2	03/16/2015	
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	10-K	001-36071	101.INS	03/16/2015	
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Schema Linkbase Document	10-K	001-36071	101.SCH	03/16/2015	
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document	10-K	001-36071	101.CAL	03/16/2015	
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document	10-K	001-36071	101.DEF	03/16/2015	
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Labels Linkbase Document	10-K	001-36071	101.LAB	03/16/2015	
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document	10-K	001-36071	101.PRE	03/16/2015	

\*Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

(1) The schedules and other attachments to this exhibit have been omitted. The Company agrees to furnish a copy of any omitted schedules or attachments to the SEC upon request.

(2) The information in this exhibit is furnished and deemed not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for purposes of section 18 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Rocket Fuel Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.