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Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 12b-25**

### NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check one):	$\boxtimes$ Form 10-K $\square$ Form 20-F $\square$ Form 11-K $\square$ Form 10-Q $\square$ Form 10-D $\square$ Form N-CEN $\square$ Form N-CSR		
	For Period Ended: December 31, 2020		
<ul><li>□ Transition Report on Form 10-K</li><li>□ Transition Report on Form 20-F</li></ul>			
			☐ Transition Report on Form 11-K
	☐ Transition Report on Form 10-Q		
	For the Transition Period Ended:		

Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION

# **Acme United Corporation**

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable 55 Walls Drive

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number) Fairfield, CT 06824

City, State and Zip Code

#### PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

(b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-CEN or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

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#### PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-CEN, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, could not be filed within the prescribed time period (on or before March 16, 2021) due to delays in compiling and reviewing certain information to be included in the Form 10-K; these delays resulted primarily from managerial and administrative employees of the Registrant working remotely because of restrictions arising from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Registrant does not expect any changes to the financial results it had previously reported in its press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 3, 2021.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

	PAR	RT IV — OTHER INFORMATION	
(1)	Name and telephone number of person to contact i	n regard to this notification	
	Paul Driscoll	203	319-2102
	(Name)	(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)
(2)	Have all other periodic reports required under Sect Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 mo filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes ⊠	onths or for such shorter period that the re	
(3)	Is it anticipated that any significant change in resul earnings statements to be included in the subject re		period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the ⊠
	If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.		nd, if appropriate, state the reasons why a
	(1)	Acme United Corporation  Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)	
has ca	aused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the	undersigned hereunto duly authorized.	
Date	March 16, 2021	By /s/ Paul Drie	scoll
the pe	RUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive or consigning the form shall be typed or printed beneath sentative (other than an executive officer), evidence of	h the signature. If the statement is signed	on behalf of the registrant by an authorized
		ATTENTION	
	Intentional misstatements or omission	ons of fact constitute Federal Criminal	Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This form is required by Rule 12b-25 (17 CFR 240.12b-25) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.
- 3. A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.
- 4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.
- 5. <u>Interactive data submissions</u>. This form shall not be used by electronic filers with respect to the submission or posting of an Interactive Data File (§232.11 of this chapter). Electronic filers unable to submit or post an Interactive Data File within the time period prescribed should comply with either Rule 201 or 202 of Regulation S-T (§232.201 and §232.202 of this chapter).