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

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 8)1

<u>Aviat Networks, Inc.</u> (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.01</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> <u>05366Y102</u> (CUSIP Number)

Warren G. Lichtenstein Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, New York 10022 (212) 520-2300 (Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 16, 2020 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(g), check the following box \Box .

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 8"). This Amendment No. 8 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate purchase price of the 559,609 Shares owned directly by Steel Excel is approximately \$11,008,675, including brokerage commissions. The Shares owned directly by Steel Excel were acquired with the working capital of Steel Excel.

The 17,418 Shares owned directly by Kenneth Kong were awarded to him in his capacity as a director of the Issuer.

Item 5. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer</u>.

Items 5(a) and (c) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 5,461,438 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of October 30, 2020, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 2020.

As of the close of business on December 16, 2020, Steel Excel owned directly 559,609 Shares, constituting approximately 10.2% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of their relationships with Steel Excel discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings, SPHG and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by Steel Excel.

As of the close of business on December 16, 2020, Kenneth Kong owned directly 17,418 Shares, constituting less than 1% of the Shares outstanding.

(c) <u>Schedule B</u> annexed hereto lists all transactions in the Shares of the Issuer by Steel Excel since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D. All of such transactions were effected in the open market.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 17, 2020	STEE	L EXCEL INC.
	By:	/s/ Douglas B. Woodworth Douglas B. Woodworth, Treasurer
	STEE	L PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.
	By:	Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. General Partner
	By:	/s/ Douglas B. Woodworth Douglas B. Woodworth, Chief Financial Officer
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	By:	Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. Managing Member
	By:	/s/ Douglas B. Woodworth Douglas B. Woodworth, Chief Financial Officer
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	By:	Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. Manager
	By:	/s/ Douglas B. Woodworth Douglas B. Woodworth, Chief Financial Officer
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<u>Schedule B</u>

Transactions in the Shares Since the Filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D

Shares of Common Stock	Price Per	Date of
<u>Purchased / (Sold)</u>	<u>Share(\$)</u>	<u>Purchase / Sale</u>
	STEEL EXCEL INC.	

(24,128)	37.5086	12/15/2020
(35,100)	37.3059	12/16/2020