

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NextDecade Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

46-5723951

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900
Houston, Texas 77002
(713) 574-1880**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Krysta De Lima, General Counsel
NextDecade Corporation
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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:
From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.**

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller Reporting Company

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 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered(1) | Amount to be Registered(1)(2) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)(2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2) | Amount of Registration Fee(3) |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share | | | \$ 100,000,000 | \$ 10,910(4) |

- (1) An indeterminate number of shares of common stock is being registered and may from time to time be offered at unspecified prices. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover an indeterminate number of additional shares to be offered or issued from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions with respect to the shares being registered.
- (2) The aggregate maximum offering price of all securities issued pursuant to this Registration Statement will not exceed \$100,000,000.
- (3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (4) Previously paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

NextDecade Corporation (the “Company”) is filing this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 (“Amendment No. 1”) to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-254781), originally filed on March 26, 2021 (the “Registration Statement”), as an exhibit-only filing solely to file an updated auditor consent as Exhibit 23.1. This Amendment No. 1 consists only of the facing page, this explanatory note, Part II of the Registration Statement, the signature page to the Registration Statement, the exhibit index and the exhibit being filed with this Amendment No. 1. Part I of the Registration Statement is unchanged and has been omitted.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the various expenses expected to be incurred by the Company in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being registered hereby, other than underwriting discounts and commissions. All such expenses will be borne by the Company. All amounts are estimated except the Commission registration fee.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|------------|
| Commission registration fee | | \$10,910 |
| FINRA filing fee | \$ | (1) |
| Accounting fees and expenses | \$ | (1) |
| Legal fees and expenses | \$ | (1) |
| Printing expenses | \$ | (1) |
| Miscellaneous fees and expenses | \$ | (1) |
| Total | \$ | <u>(1)</u> |

- (1) Fees and expenses (other than the Commission registration fee paid upon the initial filing of this registration statement) will depend on the number and nature of the offerings of common stock and cannot be estimated at this time. An estimate of the aggregate expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the common stock being offered will be included in any applicable prospectus supplement.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") allows a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation will not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached the duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. The Certificate of Incorporation provides for this limitation of liability.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was, is or is threatened to be made party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, an officer, an employee or an agent of such corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, an officer, an employee or an agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was illegal. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who are, were or are threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, an officer, an employee or an agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, provided that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the director, officer, employee or agent is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him against the expenses which such officer or director has actually and reasonably incurred.

Under Section 6.1 of the Bylaws, the Company shall indemnify and provide advancement to any current or former director or officer of the Company (the “Indemnitee”) against any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, arbitration, mediation, alternate dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, inquiry, administrative hearing or any other actual, threatened or completed proceeding (as such term is more specifically defined in Section 6.7(c) of our Bylaws, the “Proceeding”) to the fullest extent permitted by law, as such may be amended from time to time. The Company shall indemnify such Indemnitee against all expenses, judgments, penalties, 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 Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee 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 Indemnitee’s conduct was unlawful.

The indemnification rights set forth above shall not be exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

We expect to maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (i) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (ii) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Exhibits.

The exhibits listed below in the “Exhibit Index” are part of this Registration Statement and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. 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;
 - (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% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the “Calculation of Registration Fee” table in the effective Registration Statement; and
 - (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), (ii) and (iii) 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 Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the Registration Statement;

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, 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;
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
 - (A) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the Registration Statement; and
 - (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the Registration Statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the Registration Statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; provided, however, that no statement made in a Registration Statement or prospectus that is part of the Registration Statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or prospectus that is part of the Registration Statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the Registration Statement or prospectus that was part of the Registration Statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date;
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
 - (A) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (B) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;
 - (C) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
 - (D) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) 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.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act 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 Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities 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.

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 1.1* | Form of Underwriting Agreement |
| 4.1(1) | Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated July 24, 2017 |
| 4.2(2) | Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated July 24, 2017 |
| 4.3(3) | Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated March 3, 2021 |
| 4.4(4) | Specimen Common Stock certificate |
| 5.1** | Opinion of K&L Gates LLP |
| 23.1*** | Consent of Grant Thornton LLP |
| 23.3** | Consent of K&L Gates LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1** | Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this Registration Statement) |

* To be filed, if necessary, after effectiveness of this registration statement by an amendment to the Registration Statement or incorporated by reference from documents filed or to be filed with the Commission under the Exchange Act.

(1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed July 28, 2017.

(2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed July 28, 2017.

(3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 4, 2021.

(4) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 3, 2020.

** Previously filed.

*** Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on May 5, 2021.

NEXTDECADE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Brent Wahl
Brent Wahl
Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities set forth opposite their names and on May 5, 2021.

| Name | Title |
|---|--|
| <u>/s/ Matthew Schatzman</u> Matthew Schatzman | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) |
| <u>/s/ Brent Wahl</u> Brent Wahl | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) |
| <u>/s/ Eric Garcia</u> Eric Garcia | Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) |
| <u>*</u> Khalifa Abdulla Al Romaiti | Director |
| <u>*</u> Brian Belke | Director |
| <u>*</u> Frank Chapman | Director |

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| * _____ Taewon Jun | Director |
| * _____ Avinash Kripalani | Director |
| /s/ Edward Andrew Scoggins, Jr. _____ /s/ Edward Andrew Scoggins, Jr. | Director |
| * _____ William Vratton | Director |
| * _____ Spencer Wells | Director |

Krysta De Lima hereby signs this Amendment No. 1 on behalf of each of the indicated persons for whom she is attorney-in-fact on May 5, 2021 pursuant to a power of attorney filed with the Registration Statement.

*By: /s/ Krysta De Lima

Krysta De Lima
Attorney-in-Fact

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our report dated March 25, 2021 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of NextDecade Corporation, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference of the aforementioned report in this Registration Statement and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption “Experts.”

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Houston, Texas

May 5, 2021