

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

SCHEDULE 14A

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material under §240.14a-12

CENAQ Energy Corp.
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

N/A
(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):

No fee required.

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 12, 2022

CENAQ Energy Corp.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-40743

(Commission File Number)

85-1863331

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

4550 Post Oak Place Dr., Suite 300
Houston, TX

(Address of principal executive offices)

77027

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 820-6300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation to the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Units, each consisting of one share of Class A common stock and three-quarters of one warrant	CENQU	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	CENQ	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share	CENQW	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 12, 2022, CENAQ Energy Corp. (“CENAQ”) issued a press release announcing several business updates regarding its previously announced business combination with Bluescape Clean Fuels Intermediate Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Bluescape”).

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Important Information About the Business Combination and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed business combination, CENAQ has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) a definitive proxy statement. CENAQ also plans to file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. The proxy statement has been cleared by the SEC, and a definitive proxy statement has been mailed to the stockholders of CENAQ. STOCKHOLDERS OF CENAQ ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION. Stockholders are able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement and other documents containing important information about CENAQ and Bluescape once such documents are filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Participants in the Solicitation

CENAQ and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of CENAQ in connection with the proposed transaction. Bluescape and its officers and directors may also be deemed participants in such solicitation. Information about the directors and executive officers of CENAQ is set forth in CENAQ’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2022. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the proxy statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

Forward-Looking Statements

The information included herein and in any oral statements made in connection herewith include “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements, other than statements of present or historical fact included herein, regarding the proposed business combination, CENAQ’s and Bluescape’s ability to consummate the transaction, the benefits of the transaction, CENAQ’s and Bluescape’s future financial performance following the transaction, as well as CENAQ’s and Bluescape’s strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used herein, including any oral statements made in connection herewith, the words “could,” “should,” “will,” “may,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” the negative of such terms and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on CENAQ and Bluescape management’s current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, CENAQ and Bluescape disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof. CENAQ and Bluescape caution you that these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of CENAQ and Bluescape. These risks include, but are not limited to, general economic, financial, legal, political and business conditions and changes in domestic and foreign markets; the inability of the parties to successfully or timely consummate the proposed transactions or to satisfy the closing conditions, including the risk that any required regulatory approvals are not obtained, are delayed or are subject to unanticipated conditions that could adversely affect the combined company; the risk that the approval of the stockholders of CENAQ for the proposed transactions is not obtained; the failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the proposed transactions, including as a result of a delay in its consummation; the amount of redemption requests made by CENAQ’s stockholders; the occurrence of events that may give rise to a right of one or both of CENAQ and Bluescape to terminate the definitive agreements related to the proposed business combination; the risks related to the growth of Bluescape’s business and the timing of expected business milestones; and the effects of competition on Bluescape’s future business. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described herein and in any oral statements made in connection therewith occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. There may be additional risks that neither CENAQ nor Bluescape presently know or that CENAQ and Bluescape currently believe are immaterial that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning these and other factors that may impact CENAQ’s expectations and projections can be found in CENAQ’s periodic filings with the SEC, including CENAQ’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2022, any subsequently filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the definitive proxy statement filed on November 10, 2022. CENAQ’s SEC filings are available publicly on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

No Offer or Solicitation

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute a solicitation of a proxy, consent or authorization with respect to any securities or in respect of the business combination. This Current Report on Form 8-K shall also not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any states or jurisdictions in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act, or an exemption therefrom.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated December 12, 2022.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CENAQ ENERGY CORP.

By: /s/ J. Russell Porter
Name: J. Russell Porter
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 12, 2022

CENAQ Energy Corp. Announces Updates on Business Combination with Bluescape Clean Fuels

Houston, TX, December 12, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CENAQ Energy Corp. ("CENAQ"; NASDAQ: CENQ) today announced several business updates regarding its previously announced initial business combination with Bluescape Clean Fuels Intermediate Holdings, LLC ("Bluescape").

Business Updates

The business updates discussed with Bluescape included the following:

- The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 contains incentives for the production of green hydrogen that should allow the post-combination company, Verde Clean Fuels, Inc. ("Verde"), to add green hydrogen production to its existing syngas to gasoline plus other products ("STG+®") process. By adding an external source of green hydrogen to Verde's STG+® process, Verde expects to be able to utilize approximately two-thirds less feedstock while maintaining the same gasoline output with no change in total capital expenditures for its first facility to be constructed in Maricopa, Arizona.
- The green hydrogen incentives are in the form of 10-year production tax credits that equate to as much as \$3.00 per kilogram of green hydrogen produced. Verde's initial facility is anticipated to use green hydrogen volumes that would result in the generation of approximately \$20 million per year of production tax credits. The generation of these production credits could provide Verde with new and attractive financing alternatives.
- Bluescape is currently in discussions with several green hydrogen providers to either acquire electrolyzer assets or form a joint venture to provide green hydrogen to Verde's initial facility as well as to planned future Verde renewable gasoline facilities.

About CENAQ Energy Corp.

CENAQ is a blank check company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses. CENAQ focused its search for a target business in the energy industry in North America. CENAQ is led by energy industry veterans J. Russell Porter (CEO) and Michael J. Mayell (President and CFO).

Important Information for Stockholders

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