

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 40-F**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019

Commission File No.: 000-30718

**SIERRA WIRELESS, INC.***(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)***Canada***(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)***Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code (if applicable): 3663****I.R.S. Employer Identification Number (if applicable): 98-0163236**

**13811 Wireless Way, Richmond  
British Columbia, Canada V6V 3A4  
(604) 231-1100**

*(Address and telephone number of principal executive offices)***CT Corporation**

**111 Eighth Avenue  
New York, New York 10011  
(212) 894-8940**

*(Agent for service in the United States)*

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Shares, without par value	SWIR	The Nasdaq Global Market

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: **None**

For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this Form:

Annual Information Form  Audited Annual Financial Statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: **36,233,361 Common Shares, without par value, as at December 31, 2019**



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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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.

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#### **A. Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Disclosure controls and procedures are defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) as those controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in reports filed or submitted by it under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms.

The Registrant’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and have determined that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report. A discussion of the Registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures can be found in its Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit No. 1.3 to this Annual Report, under the heading “Disclosure Controls and Procedures”.

#### **B. Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

See Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit No. 1.3 to this Annual Report, under the heading “Internal Control Over Financial Reporting — Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting”.

#### **C. Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The attestation report of Ernst & Young LLP (“EY”), the independent registered public accounting firm of the Registrant, is included in EY’s report, dated March 10, 2020 to the shareholders of the Registrant, which accompanies the Registrant’s audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit 1.2 to this Annual Report.

#### **D. Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

See Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit No. 1.3 to this Annual Report, under the heading “Internal Control Over Financial Reporting - Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting”.

#### **E. Notice of Pension Fund Blackout Period**

The Registrant was not required by Rule 104 of Regulation BTR to send any notice to any of its directors or executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

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## **F. Audit Committee Financial Expert**

The Registrant's Board of Directors has determined that Paul G. Cataford, Robin A. Abrams, Russell N. Jones, Lori M. O'Neill and Thomas Sieber are the audit committee financial experts, within the meaning of General Instruction B(8)(b) of Form 40-F and are independent within the meaning of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and as that term is defined by the rules and regulations of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"). Although she continues to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Registrant, Robin A. Abrams resigned from the Audit Committee effective December 31, 2019 and therefore is no longer considered to be an audit committee financial expert as of such date.

The Commission has indicated that the designation of a person as an audit committee financial expert does not make such person an "expert" for any purpose, impose any duties, obligations or liability on such person that are greater than those imposed on members of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors who do not carry this designation, or affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of the Audit Committee or Board of Directors.

## **G. Code of Ethics**

See Annual Information Form dated March 10, 2020, filed as Exhibit No. 1.1 to this Annual Report, under the heading "Code of Business Conduct". A copy of the Code of Business Conduct (the "Code") may be obtained at [www.sierrawireless.com](http://www.sierrawireless.com). The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, the Registrant's website is not a part of this Annual Report. The Registrant has included its website address in this Annual Report solely as an inactive textual reference. The Registrant will provide a copy of the Code without charge to any person that requests a copy by contacting the Corporate Secretary at the address that appears on the cover of this Annual Report on Form 40-F.

## **H. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

EY served as the Registrant's principal accountant (the "Principal Accountant") for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

### ***Audit Fees***

The aggregate fees billed by the Principal Accountant for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, for professional services rendered by the Principal Accountant for the audit of the Registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the Principal Accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for such fiscal years were US\$1,017,000 and US\$1,014,060, respectively.

### ***Audit-Related Fees***

The aggregate fees billed by the Principal Accountant for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, for assurance and related services rendered by the Principal Accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Registrant's financial statements and are not reported above as audit fees were US\$38,755 and US\$nil, respectively. Audit-related fees for 2019 relate to due diligence related to an acquisition.

### ***Tax Fees***

The aggregate fees billed by the Principal Accountant for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, for professional services rendered by the Principal Accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, transfer pricing services, tax planning and other services were US\$79,020 and US\$9,400, respectively. Tax fees for 2019 relate to tax advisory services related to an acquisition and tax compliance matters. Tax fees for 2018 relate to tax compliance matters.

### ***All Other Fees***

There were no additional fees billed by the Principal Accountant for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

### ***Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures***

Since the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 on July 30, 2002, all audit and non-audit services performed by the Registrant's outside auditors are pre-approved by the audit committee of the Registrant.

## **I. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

On June 26, 2019, we entered into an uncommitted Receivables Purchase Agreement with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, which allows us to sell, with limited recourse, qualifying receivables. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit No. 1.3 to this Annual Report, under the heading "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement".



## **J. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations**

See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit No. 1.3 to this Annual Report, under the heading "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Cash Requirements".

## **K. Identification of Audit Committee**

The Registrant has a separately designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act comprised of five individuals: Paul G. Cataford (Chair), Robin A. Abrams (resigned effective December 31, 2019), Russel N. Jones, Lori M. O'Neill and Thomas Sieber. Each of the members of the audit committee is independent, within the meaning of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and as that term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq.

## **L. Critical Accounting Policies**

A discussion of the Registrant's critical accounting policies can be found in its Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed as Exhibit No. 1.3 to this Annual Report, under the heading "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates".

## **M. Nasdaq Exemptions**

The rules and regulations of the Nasdaq require each listed issuer to provide that a quorum for its shareholders' meetings be at least 33 1/3 percent of the issuer's outstanding shares. The Registrant has been granted an exemption from this requirement because it is contrary to generally accepted business practices in Canada, the Registrant's country of domicile. The Registrant has had the benefit of this exemption in the current and prior years.

In determining whether a requirement is contrary to generally accepted business practices, the Nasdaq rules generally look to the requirements of the primary market in the issuer's country of domicile. The rules and policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange, the primary market in Canada, do not contain quorum requirements, and the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, the Registrant's governing statute, defers to the quorum requirements contained in an issuer's By-laws. Under the Registrant's By-laws, a quorum for a meeting of the Registrant's shareholders is two persons present in person, each being a shareholder entitled to vote thereat or a duly appointed proxyholder or representative for a shareholder so entitled.

## **N. Interactive Data File**

The Registrant is submitting as Exhibit 101 to this Annual Report, and has posted on its corporate website, an Interactive Data File.

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## UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

### **A. Undertaking**

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to: the securities registered pursuant to Form 40-F; the securities in relation to which the obligation to file an annual report on Form 40-F arises; or transactions in said securities.

### **B. Consent to Service of Process**

A Form F-X, as amended, signed by the Registrant and the Registrant's agent for service of process with respect to the Common Shares has previously been filed with the Commission. Any change to the name or address of the Registrant's agent for service shall be communicated promptly to the Commission by amendment to the Form F-X referencing the file number of the Registrant.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**SIERRA WIRELESS, INC.**

*(Registrant)*

/s/ David G. McLennan

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David G. McLennan

Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Date: March 10, 2020

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Document</b>
1.1	Annual Information Form for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, dated March 10, 2020
1.2	Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles
1.3	Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101	Interactive Data File