

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
March 08, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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): **March 7, 2016**

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-29889
(Commission File No.)

94-3248524
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1180 Veterans Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(Address of principal executive offices)

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94080

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 624-1100**

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 of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b)

On March 8, 2016, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) announced the appointment of Anne-Marie Duliege, M.D., M.S. to the role of Chief Medical Officer of the Company. Dr. Duliege succeeds Elliot Grossbard, M.D., who has served with Company in numerous positions over the last 14 years, most recently as Chief Medical Officer. In connection with Dr. Duliege's appointment as Chief Medical Officer, on March 7, 2016, Dr. Grossbard retired from that position, and will remain with the Company, advising on the new drug application filing and regulatory strategy for fostamatinib in immune thrombocytopenic purpura.

A copy of the Company's press release, titled "Rigel Names Anne-Marie Duliege, M.D., M.S. As Chief Medical Officer," is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated March 8, 2016, titled "Rigel Names Anne-Marie Duliege, M.D., M.S. As Chief Medical Officer."

SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: March 8, 2016

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By:

/s/ Dolly A. Vance

Dolly A. Vance

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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