
**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): **June 29, 2015**

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)

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)

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- 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.

On June 29, 2015, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Keith Katkin as a director of the Company. Mr. Katkin will serve in the class of directors whose term expires at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2016.

Under the Company's current compensation arrangements for non-employee directors, Mr. Katkin will receive: (1) an annual Board retainer of \$45,000, (2) an initial grant of options to purchase 80,000 shares of the Company's common stock and (3) immediately following each annual meeting of stockholders an option to purchase 40,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The Company has also entered into its standard form of indemnification agreement with Mr. Katkin.

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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: July 1, 2015

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Dolly A. Vance
Dolly A. Vance
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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