
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 31, 2017

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-33221

94-2875566

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

4242 Campus Point Court, Suite 200, San Diego,
California

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(858) 251-4400

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; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

As previously disclosed by Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") in its Current Report on Form 8-K on September 30, 2016, in connection with the realignment of our goals and objectives, the board of directors of the Company accepted the resignation of Brian G. Drazba, the Company's Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, on September 30, 2016.

Mr. Drazba's resignation became effective on March 31, 2017, at which time he became eligible to receive a one-time severance payment equal to his 2016 annual salary and his average annual bonus paid over the prior three years, as well as certain additional severance benefits.

In connection with Mr. Drazba's departure, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Barry D. Quart, Pharm.D., assumed the roles of principal financial officer and principal accounting officer, effective April 1, 2017. The Company previously reported in its Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A filed on April 29, 2016, information regarding Dr. Quart required by Items 401(b), (d), (e) and Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.401(b), (d), (e) and 229.404(a)), and such information is hereby incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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.

April 3, 2017

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

By: */s/ David L. Szekeres*

Name: David L. Szekeres

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Business Development
and Corporate Secretary*