

CYTOKINETICS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2016

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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):

February 25, 2016

Cytokinetics, Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-50633

94-3291317

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

280 East Grand Avenue, South San Francisco,  
California

94080

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(650) 624 - 3000

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:

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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.**

(e) On February 23, 2016, the Compensation & Talent Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") of Cytokinetics, Incorporated (the "Company") determined that the Company met 90% of its corporate goals for 2015. This determination was based on progress in the advancement of the Company's skeletal and cardiac muscle R&D programs and the achievement of other research activities. The Committee also considered performance against objectives related to manufacturing, strategic planning, regulatory affairs and the financial management of the Company.

Also on February 23, 2016, the Committee voted to approve salary increases and the payment of a cash bonus for the Company's named executive officers (as defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission) in connection with the performance of the Company and such officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The bonus payments to the named executive officers were based on the individual executive's performance relative to his or her specified goals, the Company's performance relative to specified corporate goals, and other factors, including each executive's compensation relative to the Company's peer companies. In addition, the Committee exercised its discretion in determining each individual's overall achievement level. The salary increases for our named executive officers, which are effective as of March 1, 2016, were based on a review of each officer's respective 2015 performance relative to both the Company's and the individual's goals, the role each executive is expected to play in 2016, competitive salary data provided by third-party executive compensation consultants, and other factors.

The 2016 base salaries, 2016 target cash bonus amounts and cash bonus payments for 2015 performance for each of our named executive officers are listed in Exhibit 10.1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Additional information regarding compensation of the named executive officers, including the factors considered by the Compensation Committee in determining compensation, will be included in the Company's proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

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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.

Cytokinetics, Incorporated

*February 25, 2016*

*By: Sharon A. Barbari*

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*Name: Sharon A. Barbari*

*Title: Executive Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer*

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 10.1               | Compensation Information for the Company's Named Executive Officers |