
**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 the earliest event reported): **January 10, 2013**

NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-22705
(Commission
File Number)

33-0525145
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

12780 El Camino Real, San Diego, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

92130
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 617-7600

N/A
(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

Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) maintains a bonus program for all employees of the Company, including its executive officers (the “Bonus Plan”). The Bonus Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the “Compensation Committee”), in consultation with the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Bonus Plan is to reward employees, including executive officers, for successful achievement of specified performance goals.

The Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, may, at their sole discretion, eliminate any individual bonus or reduce or increase the amount of compensation payable with respect to any individual bonus. An executive officer must be an employee of the Company on the date of payment to qualify for a bonus. Any executive officer who leaves the employment of the Company, voluntarily or involuntarily, prior to the payment date, is ineligible for any bonus. An employee who becomes an executive officer during the fiscal year may be eligible for a pro-rated bonus, provided the employee has been employed a minimum of three months during the calendar year.

On January 10, 2013, the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, approved bonus payouts under the Bonus Plan for 2012 goal achievement. The individual amounts approved for payment to the Company’s executive officers are set forth below:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bonus Amount</u>
Kevin Gorman	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 220,600
Timothy Coughlin	Chief Financial Officer	\$ 135,200
Christopher O’Brien	Chief Medical Officer	\$ 151,400
Haig Bozigian	Chief Development Officer	\$ 117,600
Dimitri Grigoriadis	Chief Research Officer	\$ 109,200

On January 10, 2013, the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, approved 2013 base salaries for the Company’s executive officers. The individual 2013 base salaries approved for the Company’s executive officers are set forth below:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>
Kevin Gorman	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 541,100
Timothy Coughlin	Chief Financial Officer	\$ 397,800
Christopher O’Brien	Chief Medical Officer	\$ 445,600
Haig Bozigian	Chief Development Officer	\$ 352,800
Dimitri Grigoriadis	Chief Research Officer	\$ 321,500

On January 10, 2013, the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, approved the grant of stock options to the Company’s executive officers pursuant to the Company’s 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. The exercise price for these options is equal to the closing price of the Company’s stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on January 10, 2013 of \$8.65. These options have a 10 year life and vest ratably on a monthly basis over a four year period, subject to the executive officer’s continued service to the Company. The individual option grants approved for the Company’s executive officers are set forth below:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Options Granted</u>
Kevin Gorman	President and Chief Executive Officer	175,000
Timothy Coughlin	Chief Financial Officer	86,000
Christopher O’Brien	Chief Medical Officer	86,000
Haig Bozigian	Chief Development Officer	75,000
Dimitri Grigoriadis	Chief Research Officer	75,000

On January 10, 2013, the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, approved the grant of restricted stock units (“RSU”) to the Company’s executive officers pursuant to the Company’s 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. These RSU vest ratably on an annual basis over a four year period, subject to the executive officer’s continued service to the Company. The individual RSU approved for the Company’s executive officers are set forth below:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>RSU Granted</u>
Kevin Gorman	President and Chief Executive Officer	30,000
Timothy Coughlin	Chief Financial Officer	14,000
Christopher O’Brien	Chief Medical Officer	14,000
Haig Bozigian	Chief Development Officer	13,000
Dimitri Grigoriadis	Chief Research Officer	13,000

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 14, 2013

NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.

/s/ TIMOTHY P. COUGHLIN

Timothy P. Coughlin
Chief Financial Officer