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**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): August 18, 2008**

**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, CA**  
(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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(b) On August 18, 2008, Richard Ranieri Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) resigned from the Company effective immediately.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: August 18, 2008

NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES, INC.

/s/ Timothy P. Coughlin

Timothy P. Coughlin  
Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer