BALLY TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Form 8-K March 27, 2007

# 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 8, 2007

## BALLY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 0-4281 88-0104066
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6601 S. Bermuda Rd.

Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of principal executive offices)

**89119** (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 584-7700

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- o 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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On March 8, 2007, Bally Technologies, Inc. (the Company), entered into a Separation Agreement (the Agreement) with Mark Lipparelli, pursuant to which Mr. Lipparelli s employment as the Company s Executive Vice President, Operations will terminate, effective April 1, 2007. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Company shall pay Mr. Lipparelli his base salary for a ten-month period commencing on May 25, 2007, based upon his rate of pay at the time of termination (\$250,000 per year). However, such payments shall be offset by any income earned by Mr. Lipparelli during such period from other employment by or with a company involved in the design, manufacture, marketing or selling of Gaming Devices (as defined in the Agreement).

The Agreement also provides that Mr. Lipparelli shall be engaged by the Company as a consultant from April 1 to May 25, 2007, pursuant to the Company s standard form of consulting agreement. Mr. Lipparelli will receive a salary of \$4,807.69 per week while serving as a consultant. In connection therewith, Mr. Lipparelli has agreed to forgo his rights and obligations arising out of the Company s Management Incentive Plan, as such rights and obligations are more specifically set forth in his employment agreement dated September 23, 2003. All shares of Mr. Lipparelli s restricted stock shall expire as provided for in the Company s Amended and Restated 2001 Long-term Incentive Plan, as amended.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company and Mr. Lipparelli agreed to a mutual release of claims. The Agreement also provides for standard confidentiality, non-solicitation and non-compete agreements.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Item 9.01.** Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- (10.1) Separation Agreement by and between the Company and Mark Lipparelli, dated March 8, 2007.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

## BALLY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Mark Lerner

Mark Lerner

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: March 27, 2007

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