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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): October 3, 2013

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-30929 (Commission File Number) 13-4087132 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

**Identification No.)** 

750 Lexington Avenue

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# New York, New York 10022

# (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(212) 531-5965

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act.
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act.
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act.

# Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 3, 2013, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ), pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws (the Bylaws ), increased the number of the directors on the Board to seven, and, pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Bylaws, appointed Mr. Daniel P. Regan as an independent director of the Board to fill the vacancy created by the increase.

Mr. Regan serves as Chief Commercial Officer for Intercept Pharmaceuticals. Prior to his tenure at Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Mr. Regan held the position of Chief Commercial Officer at Inspiration Biopharmaceuticals from 2011 to 2012, where he was responsible for the development of a U.S. and EU commercialization strategy as well as an integrated commercial plan. From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Regan worked with Genzyme Corporation, where he served as Senior Vice President of US PGH from 2010 to 2011, Senior Vice President of Renal from 2009 to 2010, and General Manager of Hectorol, Senior Vice President of the U.S. Renal Business from 2008 to 2009. Mr. Regan received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Massachusetts in 1988.

At this time, Mr. Regan serves on no committees of the Board. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Regan and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Regan was appointed to the Board. No family relationships exist between Mr. Regan and any of the Company s directors or executive officers. There are no transactions to which the Company is or was a participant and in which Mr. Regan has a material interest subject to disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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

On October 4, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Regan s appointment. A copy of the press release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated into this item by reference.

## **SIGNATURES**

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

# KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: October 4, 2013 By: /s/ James Oliviero

Name: James Oliviero

Title: Chief Financial Officer

# INDEX TO EXHIBITS

**Exhibit Number Description** 

99.1 Press Release dated October 4, 2013