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KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K January 12, 2015

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): January 11, 2015

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction **000-30929** (Commission

13-4087132 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number) 750 Lexington Avenue **Identification No.)**

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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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- " 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

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. announced on January 11, 2015, it will be transitioning the role of Chief Executive Officer from Ron Bentsur to its current Chief Operating Officer, Greg Madison. Mr. Bentsur has led Keryx for the past 5 years, culminating in U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval and year-end 2014 launch of Auryxia (ferric citrate). Mr. Madison joined Keryx in February 2014 as Chief Operating Officer to transition the Company from a development-stage organization into a fully integrated commercial entity, bringing to Keryx a wealth of relevant expertise in both the phosphate binder and iron deficiency anemia markets. Mr. Madison has been appointed President of Keryx and will work with Mr. Bentsur to ensure a successful leadership transition by the end of May, when Mr. Bentsur s contract expires. A copy of the press release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements And Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. Press Release, dated January 11, 2015.

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.

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (Registrant)

Date: January 12, 2015

By: /s/ James F. Oliviero James F. Oliviero Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. Press Release, dated January 11, 2015.