

**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): **February 2, 2017**

**RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-29889**

(Commission File No.)

**94-3248524**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1180 Veterans Boulevard  
South San Francisco, CA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**94080**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 624-1100**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(e)

On February 2, 2017, the Compensation Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") approved stock option grants to certain of the Company's officers (collectively, the "Officers");

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stock Options</u>
Raul Rodriguez	President and Chief Executive Officer	900,000
Ryan Maynard	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	300,000
Dolly Vance	Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary	300,000

The stock options vest as follows: 50% of the shares of common stock subject to the award vest in equal monthly installments over four years from the vesting commencement date of January 1, 2017; and 50% of the shares of common stock subject to the award vest based on the achievement of one or more performance conditions.

The Compensation Committee did not approve any changes to the salaries of the Officers.

On February 2, 2017, the Board approved the 2017 Cash Incentive Plan (the "Incentive Plan"), pursuant to which the Company's named executive officers and other employees may become entitled to cash bonus payments based on attainment of specified corporate performance goals. A copy of the Incentive Plan is attached as Exhibit 10.32 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) **Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.32	2017 Cash Incentive Plan

**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.

Dated: February 8, 2017

**RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Dolly A. Vance  
Dolly A. Vance  
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

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**2017 CASH INCENTIVE PLAN****Purpose:**

The terms of the 2017 Cash Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) have been established to reward the executives and other employees of Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) for assisting the Company in achieving its operational goals through exemplary performance. Under the Plan, cash bonuses, if any, will be based on both the achievement of corporate goals and a review of personal performance, which is determined at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Compensation Committee”) and/or the Board of Directors (the “Board”). The overarching intent in setting and achieving the goals is to build long-term shareholder value.

**Determination of 2017 Cash Bonuses:**

Target bonuses for participants in the Plan will range from 5% to 60% of such recipient’s 2017 base salary, with a range for executives of 40% to 60% of such executive’s 2017 base salary. The maximum bonus that a participant will be eligible to receive is 120% of such participant’s 2017 base salary and in no event will a bonus be paid later than March 15 of the year following the year in which the bonus was earned. The objective Company performance goals for each participant will be based on meeting certain goals with respect to the Company’s financial and operational performance: management of the NDA for ITP from submission through the review process (weighted at 60%), preparing for commercial readiness (weighted at 10%), expanding potential uses for fostamatinib in other indications such as IgAN and AIHA (weighted at 10%), expanding the Company’s pipeline with an IND-ready (or equivalent) molecule (weighted at 10%), and maintaining a viable cash position for the Company at December 31, 2017 (weighted at 10%), as well as other Company performance goals to be determined by the Compensation Committee. The Board and Compensation Committee reserve the right to modify these goals and criteria at any time or to grant bonuses to the participants even if the performance goals are not met, as well as to withhold bonuses if a minimum threshold of 40% of the goals are not met.

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