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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 14, 2019**

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**HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-37369**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**86-0912294**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3430 E. Global Loop**  
**Tucson, AZ**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**85706**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 289-2615**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

*Chief Executive Officer Transition*

On January 14, 2019, Timothy B. Johnson resigned from his position as our Chief Executive Officer, effective March 31, 2019 (the “Effective Date”), and our board of directors (the “Board”) appointed John L. Lubniewski as our Chief Executive Officer, to be effective as of the Effective Date. Mr. Lubniewski will also continue to serve as our President, but upon the Effective Date will no longer have the separate title and role of Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Lubniewski, age 55, served as our President and Chief Operating Officer since April 2018. From April 2011 until April 2018, Mr. Lubniewski served as our Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer. Mr. Lubniewski joined us from Ventana Medical Systems, Inc. (“Ventana”), a medical diagnostics company and member of the Roche Group and global headquarters of Roche Tissue Diagnostics (“RTD”) where he served in leadership roles for nine years both before and after the acquisition of Ventana by Roche Holdings, Inc. (“Roche”) in March 2008. From August 2010 to April 2011, Mr. Lubniewski was Senior Vice President and Lifecycle Leader, Advanced Staining Platforms at Ventana. From January 2008 to August 2010, Mr. Lubniewski served as Senior Vice President and Lifecycle Leader, Clinical Assays at RTD, with responsibility for three lifecycle teams, technical marketing and medical marketing and global accountability for all RTD clinical assay products. Prior to the Roche acquisition of Ventana, Mr. Lubniewski served at Ventana as Senior Vice President, Advanced Staining Business Unit, Vice President Worldwide Marketing and Translational Diagnostic Business Unit, and General Manager, Research Products. In these roles, Mr. Lubniewski was responsible for a variety of assay and platform development and commercialization efforts. Prior to Ventana, Mr. Lubniewski worked for over ten years at Corning, Inc., a manufacturing company, in a variety of divisional, sector and corporate sales and marketing roles. Mr. Lubniewski earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University.

*Designation of Executive Chairman and Lead Independent Director*

Concurrently with the approval of the management transition described above, the Board (i) designated Mr. Johnson as Executive Chairman of the Board and (ii) designated Ann F. Hanham, Ph.D., as Lead Independent Director of the Board in lieu of her current position as Chair of the Board, each effective as of the Effective Date.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 14, 2019

**HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.**

By: /s/ Shaun D. McMeans

Shaun D. McMeans

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer