
**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): April 10, 2018

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

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

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.

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

On April 10, 2018, our board of directors approved the promotion of John L. Lubniewski to President and Chief Operating Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Lubniewski continues to report to Timothy (TJ) B. Johnson, our Chief Executive Officer.

From April 2011 until his appointment as our President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Lubniewski, age 54, 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 Coming, 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.

In connection with Mr. Lubniewski’s appointment as our President and Chief Operating Officer, the Board approved an increase to Mr. Lubniewski’s annual base salary from \$308,358 to \$335,000 and an increase to his annual target performance-bonus opportunity from 40% to 50% of his base salary.

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: April 16, 2018

HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.

By: /s/ Shaun D. McMeans
Shaun D. McMeans
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer