

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 11, 2016

**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 10, 2016**

**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)

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**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.**

On October 10, 2016, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") adopted the Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Inducement Plan (the "Plan"), pursuant to which the Company reserved 640,000 shares of its common stock to be used exclusively for grants of awards to individuals who were not previously employees or directors of the Company, as an inducement material to the individual's entry into employment with the Company within the meaning of Rule 5635(c)(4) of the NASDAQ Listing Rules. The Plan was approved by the Company's Board of Directors without stockholder approval pursuant to Rule 5635(c)(4), and the terms and conditions of the Plan are substantially similar to the Company's stockholder-approved 2011 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

The foregoing summary of the terms of the Plan is not intended to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan and the forms of award agreements adopted under the Plan, copies of which are included hereto as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

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10.1	Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Inducement Plan
10.2	Form of Stock Option Grant Notice, Option Agreement and Notice of Exercise under the Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Inducement 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: October 11, 2016

**RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

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

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