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PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K May 27, 2014

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): May 21, 2014

Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-35935 (Commission File Number) 20-0216859 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

270 E. Grand Avenue

94080

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South San Francisco, California (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (650) 246-7300

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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 May 21, 2014, Jean-Jacques Bienaimé tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Portola) effective June 30, 2014, and as a member and the chairperson of the Compensation Committee of the Board, effective immediately. Mr. Bienaimé served as a Portola Director since September 2010. Mr. Bienaimé resigned as a member of the Board in order to reduce the number of public company boards on which he sits. His resignation was not the result of any disagreement with Portola on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices, and Portola wishes to thank Mr. Bienaimé for his contribution to the Board.

On May 27, 2014, the Board appointed John H. Johnson as chairperson of the Compensation Committee.

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.

Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Dated: May 27, 2014

By: /s/ Mardi C. Dier Mardi C. Dier Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer