
**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): January 3, 2017

CORVUS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-37719
(Commission
File Number)

46-4670809
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

863 Mitten Road, Suite 102
Burlingame, CA 94010
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 900-4520

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

On January 3, 2017, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Corvus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Corvus” or the “Company”) approved, by means of a written consent in lieu of special meeting and upon the recommendation of the nominating and corporate governance committee of the Board, an action to increase the size of the Board from six directors to seven directors and elected Ian T. Clark as a director to fill the vacancy created by the increase to the size of the Board and as a member of the compensation committee and nominating and corporate governance committee of the Board. Mr. Clark will serve as a Class III director with a term of office commencing on January 3, 2017 and expiring at the Company’s 2018 annual meeting of stockholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or his earlier death, resignation or removal.

Mr. Clark will be entitled to compensation for his services as a director in accordance with the Company’s compensation program for non-employee directors (the “Director Plan”), including a \$35,000 annual retainer for service as a Board member, a supplemental annual retainer of \$6,000 for service as a member of the compensation committee, and a supplemental annual retainer of \$4,000 for service as a member of the nominating and corporate governance committee. In connection with his appointment to the Board, Mr. Clark was automatically granted an initial option to purchase 30,000 shares of Common Stock (the “Initial Grant”) on the date of his appointment to the Board pursuant to the Company’s 2016 Equity Incentive Award Plan (the “Plan”). The Initial Grant vests as to 1/3 of the shares subject to the Initial Grant on each yearly anniversary following the grant date, subject to continued service through each applicable vesting date. As a non-employee director, Mr. Clark is also eligible for annual grants to purchase 15,000 shares of Common Stock (the “Annual Grant”), which annual options vest as to all of the shares subject to the Annual Grant on the earlier of the first anniversary of the applicable grant date or the next annual stockholders’ meeting, subject to continued service through the vesting date. All equity awards, including any Initial Grants and Annual Grants, held by the Company’s non-employee directors will vest in full immediately prior to the occurrence of a change in control. All equity awards granted under the Plan have a maximum term of ten years, and the exercise price of each option granted under the Plan is equal to 100% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. The foregoing description of the Director Plan is a summary of the material terms thereof and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Director Plan, which was filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 on January 4, 2016 and is incorporated by reference herein.

In connection with Mr. Clark’s appointment to the Board, the Company will enter into an indemnification agreement with Mr. Clark (the “Indemnification Agreement”) in accordance with the Company’s standard practice and pursuant to the form previously approved by the Board and the Company’s stockholders. The Indemnification Agreement, among other things, requires the Company to indemnify Mr. Clark to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, including indemnification of expenses such as attorneys’ fees, judgments, penalties, fines and settlement amounts incurred in any action or proceeding, including any action or proceeding by or in right of the Company, arising out of Mr. Clark’s services as a director. The foregoing description of the Indemnification Agreement is a summary of the material terms of such agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Indemnification Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 on January 4, 2016 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 3, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Ian T. Clark to the Company’s Board, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained in this Item 7.01 and in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the SEC made by the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CORVUS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: January 3, 2017

By: /s/ Leiv Lea
Leiv Lea
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release titled, "Corvus Pharmaceuticals Names Ian T. Clark, Former Genentech Chief Executive Officer, to Board of Directors" dated January 3, 2017.

Corvus Pharmaceuticals Names Ian T. Clark, Former Genentech Chief Executive Officer, to Board of Directors

BURLINGAME, Calif., Jan. 03, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Corvus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq:CRVS) today announced the appointment of Ian T. Clark, former chief executive officer and head of North American Commercial Operations at Genentech, Inc., to its Board of Directors.

"Ian is an ideal addition to our Board because of his considerable expertise in guiding the commercialization of novel therapeutics, particularly in oncology," said Richard A. Miller, an oncologist and co-founder, president and chief executive officer of Corvus. "His experience will be a significant asset as we work to develop and commercialize CPI-444, a checkpoint inhibitor designed to treat cancer patients by targeting the immune system."

Mr. Clark joined Genentech, Inc. in 2003 as senior vice president and general manager, BioOncology. He subsequently held a number of senior management positions and was appointed to CEO in January 2010 where he served until his recent retirement in December 2016. During his tenure, he led the Genentech Executive Committee and was a member of the Genentech Board of Directors. Prior to joining Genentech, Mr. Clark served as general manager of Novartis Canada and, before that, as chief operating officer for Novartis United Kingdom. Earlier in his career, Mr. Clark served as vice president of sales and marketing for Sanofi (Aventis) and for Ivax in the United Kingdom, France and Eastern Europe. Mr. Clark also serves on the boards of TerraVia Holdings, Inc., the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) and the Gladstone Foundation, an independent, nonprofit life science research organization. He also serves as an advisor to the Institute of Life Sciences at Southampton University in the United Kingdom, as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Economic Advisory Council, and as a member of the Technology Network Executive Council. Mr. Clark received a Bachelor of Science and an honorary doctorate in biological sciences from Southampton University.

About Corvus Pharmaceuticals

Corvus Pharmaceuticals is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of small molecule and antibody agents that target the immune system to treat patients with cancer. These agents block or modify crucial immune checkpoints and reprogram immune T-cells. Corvus' lead product, CPI-444, is a checkpoint inhibitor that is designed to disable a tumor's ability to subvert attack by the immune system by inhibiting adenosine in the tumor microenvironment. CPI-444 is a small molecule that is taken orally. CPI-444 is currently being evaluated in a multicenter Phase 1/1b clinical trial in patients with various solid tumors. This successive expansion cohort trial is examining the activity of CPI-444 both as a single agent and in combination with Genentech's Tecentriq® (atezolizumab), an anti-PD-L1 antibody. Corvus is conducting the trial with Genentech, a member of the Roche Group, under a clinical trial collaboration the two companies entered into in October 2015. For more information, visit: www.corvuspharma.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including statements related to the potential safety and efficacy of CPI-444, both as a single agent and in combination with anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this press release are forward-looking statements. These statements often include words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "seek," "will," "may" or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which involve factors or circumstances that are beyond the Company's control. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those stated or implied in forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including but not limited to, risks detailed in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2016, as well as other documents that may be filed by the Company from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In particular, the following factors, among others, could cause results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements: demonstrate evidence of efficacy and safety for CPI-444 during its Phase 1/1b clinical trial. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot guarantee that the events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and the timing of events and circumstances and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. All such statements speak only as of the date made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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