
**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): December 16, 2016

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

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-50626
(Commission File Number)

91-1707622
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922**
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (908) 517-7330

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.

(e) On December 16, 2016, the Compensation and Organization Development Committee of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “**Company**”) approved the extension of the employment agreements (each “**Employment Agreement**” being extended by an “**Extension Agreement**”) with Spiro Rombotis, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Paul McBarron, the Executive Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, such Extension Agreements to be effective as of January 1, 2017.

The terms of Mr. Rombotis’s Employment Agreement, which were previously disclosed under cover of Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on March 21, 2008, December 14, 2010, and March 21, 2014, remain unchanged, except that the term has been extended for another six months, through June 30, 2017.

The terms of Mr. McBarron’s Employment Agreement, which were previously disclosed under cover of Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on April 2, 2008, December 14, 2010, and March 21, 2014, remain unchanged, except that the term has been extended for another six months, through June 30, 2017.

Copies of the Extension Agreements will be filed as exhibits to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Paul McBarron
Name: Paul McBarron
Title: Executive Vice President—Finance,
Chief Financial Officer and
Chief Operating Officer

Date: December 22, 2016
