

BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2015

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

May 4, 2015  
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

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BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

0-18710  
(Commission File No.)

94-3076866  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3303 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell, WA 98021  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(425) 402-1400  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 4, 2015, BioLife Solutions, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into board of directors services agreements (the “Services Agreements”) with: (i) Joseph Schick, (ii) Raymond W. Cohen, (iii) Andrew Hinson, (iv) Thomas Girschweiler and (v) Rick Stewart. None of the Services Agreements is for a definite time period, but rather, each will continue until the respective director ceases to be a director of the Company for any reason.

The Services Agreements confirm that the directors are subject to the duties of care, loyalty and good faith and certain other duties and obligations. The Company agrees to reimburse the directors for reasonable business expenses incurred on behalf of the Company in discharging the director’s duties.

The Services Agreements confirm that effective January 1, 2015, a director’s compensation for service as a member of the board is \$40,000 per annum and the Chairman’s additional compensation for service as the Chairman of the board is \$110,000 per annum. If and to the extent applicable to the director, the chairman of certain board committees are currently entitled to additional compensation as follows: \$10,000 per annum for the chairman of the Audit Committee, \$7,500 per annum for the chairman of the Compensation Committee and \$5,000 per annum for the chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Services Agreements confirm that the foregoing compensation may be revised by the board or a duly authorized committee, in their sole discretion.

The foregoing summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the text of the Services Agreements, copies or forms of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

As described in Item 5.07 below, on May 4, 2015, the Company’s stockholders approved the Amended and Restated 2013 Performance Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). The amended Plan (i) increases the number of shares of common stock subject to the Plan to 3,100,000, plus any shares of common stock underlying any option granted pursuant to an equity compensation plan other than the Plan that was outstanding on June 20, 2013, being the date the stockholders approved the original Plan, that was subsequently terminated or expired; (ii) increases the aggregate number of shares of common stock with respect to which options may be granted to any officer or employee during a calendar year to 400,000; (iii) prohibits the cash buyout of underwater options by the Plan administrator without approval of the Company’s stockholders; and (iv) makes clerical updates to reflect the effect of the January 29, 2014 reverse stock split.

The more detailed description of the Amended and Restated 2013 Performance Incentive Plan set forth in the Company’s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 4, 2015, the Company held its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) at its principal executive office in Bothell, Washington. At the Annual Meeting, the Company’s stockholders approved each of the following proposals set forth in the Company’s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2015:

Proposal 1: Election of Directors.

The Company’s stockholders elected the following directors to hold office until the 2016 Annual Meeting:

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| Name                | Votes For | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| Michael Rice        | 6,758,140 | 64,930         | 2,342,902        |
| Raymond Cohen       | 6,771,489 | 51,581         | 2,342,902        |
| Thomas Girschweiler | 6,788,412 | 34,658         | 2,342,902        |
| Andrew Hinson       | 6,780,666 | 42,404         | 2,342,902        |
| Joseph Schick       | 6,797,867 | 25,203         | 2,342,902        |
| Rick Stewart        | 6,786,888 | 36,182         | 2,342,902        |

Proposal 2: Approval of Amended and Restated 2013 Performance Incentive Plan.

The Company's stockholders approved the Plan, as set forth below:

| Votes For | Votes   |         | Broker    |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
|           | Against | Abstain | Non-Votes |
| 6,549,090 | 271,410 | 2,570   | 2,342,902 |

Proposal 3: Ratification of Auditors.

The Company's stockholders ratified the appointment of Peterson Sullivan LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2015, as set forth below:

| Votes For | Votes   |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|
|           | Against | Abstain |
| 9,087,382 | 68,316  | 10,274  |

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| <u>10.1</u> | Board of Directors Services Agreement entered into May 4, 2015 by and between BioLife Solutions, Inc. and Raymond W. Cohen    |
| <u>10.2</u> | Board of Directors Services Agreement entered into May 4, 2015 by and between BioLife Solutions, Inc. and Thomas Girschweiler |
| <u>10.3</u> | Form of Board of Directors Services Agreement entered into with Other Non-Employee Directors                                  |

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.

BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC.

Dated: May 5, 2015

By: /s/ Daphne Taylor  
Daphne Taylor  
Chief Financial Officer

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