## 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

March 30, 2015

Date of Report

(March 26, 2015

Date of earliest event reported)

# **DURECT CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 000-31615 (Commission File Number) 94-3297098 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10260 Bubb Road
Cupertino, CA 95014
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(408) 777-1417 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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.

#### **Modification of Executive Officer Compensation**

On January 13, 2015, DURECT Corporation (the "Company") filed a Form 8-K describing a summary of actions taken by the Compensation Committee of the Company for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the other named executive officers of the Company for whom compensation disclosure was required in the Company's most recent proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As described in that Form 8-K, these executives were to receive 2015 base salaries effective April 1, 2015 reflecting a 3% increase as compared to their base salaries in 2014.

To more closely align the interests of the Company's named executive officers with the interests of the Company's stockholders, certain of the Company's named executive officers have volunteered to receive a reduced portion of their salary in cash, with this portion instead being paid in options. The total shares subject to each option in lieu of salary were determined by using a standard Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The new applicable 2015 cash salary effective as of April 1, 2015, the cash amounts being foregone and the options awarded, by individual, are as follows:

|   | 015 Base Salary<br>ive April 1, 2015) | Cash<br>Foregone | Stock Options<br>(Number of<br>Shares<br>Subject to<br>Option<br>Grant) (1) |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| James E. Brown, D.V.M., President & Chief Executive Officer           | \$<br>481,289                         | \$ 50,000        | 37,037  |
| Felix Theeuwes, D. Sc.,<br>Chairman & Chief Scientific Officer<br>(2) | \$<br>191,760                         | \$125,000        | 92,593  |
| Matthew J. Hogan,<br>Chief Financial Officer                          | \$<br>327,015                         | \$ 18,000        | 13,333  |

#### Notes:

- (1) The options were granted by the Compensation Committee on March 26, 2015. The exercise price per share of such option grant is \$1.75, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on the date of grant. The vesting associated with the options is as follows: one-fourth (1/4) of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over one (1) year following the date of grant, subject to continued service. In the event of the optionee's termination of service with the Company for a reason other than Cause, the post-termination exercise period for the vested options shall be seven (7) years, subject to the ten (10) year term of the option.
- (2) Dr. Theeuwes' notional salary effective April 1, 2015 also represents an approximately 20% decrease as compared to his salary effective April 1, 2014, reflecting a transition from 75% time to 60% time effective April 1, 2015.

#### **Modification of Director Compensation**

Commencing April 1, 2015, the non-employee directors also agreed to receive a portion of their retainers in stock options. The total shares subject to each option in lieu of cash retainer were determined by using a standard Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The exercise price per share of the options is \$1.75, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on the date of grant. The vesting associated with the options is as follows: one-fourth (1/4) of the total shares subject to the option shall vest quarterly over one (1) year following the date of grant, subject to continued service. In the event of the optionee's termination of service with the Company for a reason other than Cause, the post-termination exercise period for the vested options shall be seven (7) years, subject to the ten (10) year term of the option.

| <u>Nam</u> e                | t of Retainers<br>As Options (\$) | (Number of<br>Shares subject<br>to option<br>grant) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Simon X. Benito             | \$<br>15,000                      | 11,111  |
| Terrence F. Blaschke, M.D.  | \$<br>15,000                      | 11,111  |
| David R. Hoffmann           | \$<br>37,500                      | 27,778  |
| Armand P. Neukermans, Ph.D. | \$<br>15,000                      | 11,111  |
| Jon S. Saxe                 | \$<br>15,000                      | 11,111  |
| Jay Shephard                | \$<br>15,000                      | 11,111  |

#### **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.

### **DURECT Corporation**

Date: March 30, 2015 By: /s/ Matthew J. Hogan

Matthew J. Hogan Chief Financial Officer