
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): April 5, 2016

SORRENTO THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

001-36150
(Commission
File Number)

33-0344842
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**9380 Judicial Drive
San Diego, CA 92121**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 210-3700

(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))
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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 April 5, 2016, Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) hired Kevin Herde as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Herde entered into a three year employment agreement with the Company pursuant to which he will receive \$300,000 in base salary, an annual target bonus of 35% of base compensation and 80,000 incentive stock options, of which 20,000 vest on April 5, 2017 and 1/48 of the remaining options shall vest following each one month period of service thereafter.

The Company has the right to terminate Mr. Herde’s employment at any time with or without “cause” or upon his death or disability, each as defined in the employment agreement. Mr. Herde may resign with or without “good reason”, as defined in the employment agreement, upon 30 days written notice. Under such circumstances, Mr. Herde will be entitled to receive any accrued but unpaid base salary as of the date of termination or resignation, any expenses owed to him and any amount accrued and arising from his participation in, or vested benefits accrued under, any employee benefit plans, programs or arrangements. The employment agreements also include provisions regarding severance. If Mr. Herde is terminated without cause or resigns for good reason, he will also be entitled to 12 months of his then-applicable base salary paid in a lump sum and 12 months of health care benefits continuation at the Company’s expense. If the Company terminates Mr. Herde for cause or he resigns without good reason, he shall not be entitled to further compensation.

Most recently Mr. Herde was the Vice President of Global Blood Screening and Alliance Management for Hologic, Inc., a S&P 500 global healthcare company, with accountability for a portfolio of businesses within the Hologic Diagnostic Solutions division. He joined Hologic in 2012 after being instrumental in the negotiated acquisition of Gen-Probe, a molecular diagnostic company, to Hologic for \$3.7 billion. Mr. Herde joined and assisted Gen-Probe with its IPO in 2002 and served in numerous finance roles, ultimately as the Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller. Prior to his 14 years at Gen-Probe and Hologic, Mr. Herde also served in multiple management roles in finance for Gateway, the global computer and technology company, and was an Audit Manager for KPMG LLP. Mr. Herde holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of San Diego and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the employment agreement, a copy of which will be attached as an exhibit to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

On April 5, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Herde as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated April 5, 2016. |

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: April 6, 2016

SORRENTO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Henry Ji
Name: Henry Ji
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer



SORRENTO APPOINTS KEVIN M. HERDE AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

SAN DIEGO, April 5, 2016 /PRNewswire/ — Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: SRNE), an antibody-centric, clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing new treatments for cancer, inflammation and autoimmune diseases, today announced that Kevin M. Herde has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Herde joins Sorrento with a proven track record of success and over 20 years of progressive experience in finance, accounting, and general management roles. Most recently he was the Vice President of Global Blood Screening and Alliance Management for Hologic, Inc., a S&P 500 global healthcare company, with accountability for a portfolio of businesses within the Hologic Diagnostic Solutions division. He joined Hologic in 2012 after being instrumental in the negotiated acquisition of Gen-Probe, a molecular diagnostic company, to Hologic for \$3.7 billion. Mr. Herde joined and assisted Gen-Probe with its IPO in 2002 and served in numerous finance roles, ultimately as the Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller. Prior to his 14 years at Gen-Probe and Hologic, Mr. Herde also served in multiple management roles in finance for Gateway, the global computer and technology company, and was an Audit Manager for KPMG LLP. Mr. Herde holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of San Diego and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

“Kevin has a unique combination of finance and general management leadership and is a great addition to our executive team,” said Dr. Henry Ji, President & CEO of Sorrento. “I am excited to have an executive with Kevin’s deep and vast skill set join us during such an important time in Sorrento’s corporate history. I am confident he will play a key role in structuring and managing our strategic alliances and M&A activities thus creating tremendous value for our stakeholders.”

About Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.

Sorrento is an antibody-centric, clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing new treatments for cancer, inflammation and autoimmune diseases. Sorrento’s lead products are multiple late-stage biosimilar and biobetter antibodies, as well as clinical CAR-T therapies targeting solid tumors.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements related to Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. under the safe harbor provisions of Section 21E of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act

of 1995 and subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Forward-looking statements include statements about Sorrento's prospects, including, but not limited to any statements about the aforementioned immuno-oncology antibodies from Sorrento's antibody library; Sorrento's ability to leverage the expertise of its employees and partners to assist the company in the execution of its strategies; and other matters that are described in Sorrento's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risk factors set forth in those filings. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement in this press release except as required by law.

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