

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): **May 12, 2017**

Akoustis Technologies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-38029
(Commission File
Number)

33-1229046
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

9805 Northcross Center Court, Suite H
Huntersville, NC 28078

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

704-997-5735

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information contained in Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.02.

Item 5.02 Departure of Director or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 12, 2017, Akoustis Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”) delivered notice to Cindy C. Payne, its Chief Financial Officer, David M. Aichele, its Vice President of Business Development, and Mark Boomgarden, its Vice President of Operations (each an “Executive” and, collectively, the “Executives”), that their employment agreements with the Company would not automatically renew pursuant to the terms therein. Accordingly, their employment agreements will expire June 15, 2017. The decision not to renew the employment agreements is consistent with the employment arrangements offered to new hires of the Company; it is not a decision to terminate the Company’s employment relationship with the Executives, and each Executive will continue in his or her current position unless the Executive or the Company otherwise determines to terminate the employment relationship. The Executives are not entitled to any payments or benefits under the employment agreements solely as a result of the non-renewal.

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.

AKOUSTIS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey B. Shealy

Name: Jeffrey B. Shealy

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 18, 2017
