

AMYRIS, INC.
Form 8-K
February 26, 2015
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

February 20, 2015

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

Amyris, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34885
(Commission File Number)

55-0856151
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

5885 Hollis Street, Suite 100, Emeryville, 94608
CA

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(510) 450-0761

(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))
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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 February 20, 2015, the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors of Amyris, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a 2015 cash bonus plan that included the cash bonus plan for its executive officers (the “Bonus Plan”). The Bonus Plan provides the following structure for executives, including the Company’s “named executive officers” from the Company’s 2014 proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2014:

- **General Structure.** The Bonus Plan provides for funding and payout of cash bonus awards based on quarterly and annual performance during 2015. The total potential funding of the Bonus Plan for each of these bonus periods is based on the Company performance under certain metrics set by the Committee for each quarter and for the year. Payouts under the Bonus Plan would occur following a review of the Company’s results and performance each quarter and the named executive officers’ individual performance results at the end of the year.
- **Funding Target Levels and Performance Metrics.** The total funding possible under the bonus plan is based on a cash value (the “Target Bonus Fund”) determined by the named executive officers’ target bonus levels. Target bonuses for the named executive officers vary by officer, but are generally set between 30% and 35% of annual base salary, other than for the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, whose target bonus is set at approximately 80% of his annual base salary. The aggregate amount of these target bonuses are the basis for the total funding of the Bonus Plan. The quarterly and annual funding of the Bonus Plan is based on achievement of the following company performance metrics for each quarter during 2015 (as determined by the Committee and, in the case of quarterly funding, as applicable for the quarter based on the Company’s operating plan): total revenues (weighted 40%), cash operating expenditures (weighted 30%) and production costs (weighted 30%).
- **Funding Calculation.** For each of the four quarterly periods of the Bonus Plan, the Bonus Plan allocates 12.5% of the total Target Bonus Fund. For the annual period of the Bonus Plan, the Bonus Plan allocates 50% of the total Target Bonus Fund. If the Company does not achieve at least a “threshold” level of the performance metrics described above for a given Bonus Plan period, no funding would occur under the Bonus Plan. If the Company achieves at least the threshold level, 70% funding would occur. For achievement of performance metrics between the threshold level and “target” level, a pro rata increase in funding would occur up to 100% of the Target Bonus Fund allocated to such period. For achievement of performance metrics above the target level, for the annual funding, a pro rata increase in funding would occur up to 150% of the Target Bonus Fund. The threshold and 150% (or “superior”) performance levels and associated funding are intended to capture the relative difficulty of achievement.
- **Payouts.** Any payouts for the quarterly bonus periods would be the same as the funded level (provided the recipient meets eligibility requirements through the payout date), and would be subject to a cap of 100% of the allocated quarterly Target Bonus Fund. Any funding in excess of 100% of the allocated quarterly Target Bonus Fund would not be paid out, and instead would be allocable to subsequent quarters (up to 100% of the allocated Target Bonus Fund for the subsequent quarter) and/or the annual bonus fund, in that order. Excess quarterly funding not paid, but added to the annual bonus fund, is in addition to the annual bonus fund maximum of 150% of the annual Target Bonus Fund. Payouts for the annual bonus period would be made from the aggregate funded amount in the discretion of the Committee based on Company and individual performance, and could range from 0% to 200% of an individual’s target bonus.

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.

AMYRIS, INC.

Date: February 26, 2015

By: /s/ Nicholas Khadder
Nicholas Khadder
SVP and General Counsel