

Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 29, 2012

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):

February 23, 2012

Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-52228

33-0344842

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6042 Cornerstone Ct. West, Suite B, San
Diego, California

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-210-3700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 23, 2012, the Board of Directors of Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. ("Sorrento" or the "Company") appointed Diane D-S. Tang-Liu, Ph.D. and M. Scott Salka to its Board of Directors.

Dr. Tang-Liu currently serves as the Vice President, Clinical Pharmacology, Global Drug Development at Allergen, Inc. in Irvine, California, and has been employed by Allergen in various positions of increasing responsibility since 1981. Dr. Tang-Liu also serves as an adjunct Professor at USC – School of Pharmacy & Department of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Tang-Liu holds a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from University of California, San Francisco and a B.S. in Pharmacy from National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Mr. Salka currently serves as CEO of Aspyrian, CendR, and Vesper Biologics, all biotechnology companies. Previously, from 2001-2010, Mr. Salka served as CEO of Ambit Biosciences, a biotechnology company in San Diego, California. Mr. Salka holds an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University and a B.S. in Finance from San Diego State University. Mr. Salka was appointed pursuant to that certain Stock Purchase Agreement between the Company and Donald R. Scifres 2011 Annuity Trust Y dated December 29, 2011.

Dr. Tang-Liu was appointed to the Company's Scientific Advisory Committee.

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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.

Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.

February 29, 2012

By: */s/ Henry Ji*

Name: Henry Ji

Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer