

Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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): April 13, 2017

SORRENTO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	001-36150	33-0344842
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS
of Incorporation)	File Number)	Employer
		Identification
		No.)

9380 Judicial Drive

San Diego, CA 92121

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

N/A

(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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 13, 2017, Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (the “Representative”), as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the “Underwriters”), relating to an underwritten public offering (the “Offering”) of 23,625,084 shares of the Company’s common stock (“Common Stock”). The public offering price is \$2.00 per share of Common Stock and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase the Common Stock pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement at a price of \$1.8571 per share. Under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company also granted to the Underwriters an option, exercisable in whole or in part at any time for a period of 30 days from the date of the closing of the Offering, to purchase up to an additional 3,543,763 shares of Common Stock at the public offering price to cover over-allotments, if any.

The Offering is being made pursuant to the Company’s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-199849), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on December 3, 2014, a base prospectus dated December 3, 2014 and a prospectus supplement dated April 12, 2017.

Net proceeds from the Offering are expected to be approximately \$43.5 million (excluding any sale of shares of Common Stock pursuant to the over-allotment option granted to the Underwriters), after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated Offering expenses payable by the Company. The purchase and sale of the Common Stock, and the closing of the Offering, is expected to take place on or about April 19, 2017, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants made by the Company. It also provides for customary indemnification by each of the Company and the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, for losses or damages arising out of or in connection with the Offering, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, each of the Company’s directors and executive officers have entered into “lock-up” agreements with the Underwriters that generally prohibit, without the prior written consent of the Representative, the sale, transfer or other disposition of securities of the Company prior to July 12, 2017.

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the opinion of Paul Hastings LLP, counsel to the Company, relating to the validity of the shares of Common Stock to be issued in the Offering is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 5.1.

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The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Underwriting Agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties. Accordingly, the Underwriting Agreement is incorporated herein by reference only to provide investors with information regarding the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, and not to provide investors with any other factual information regarding the Company or its business, and should be read in conjunction with the disclosures in the Company's periodic reports and other filings with the SEC.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, such as statements related to the anticipated closing of the Offering and the amount of proceeds expected from the Offering. The risks and uncertainties involved include the Company's ability to satisfy certain conditions to closing on a timely basis or at all, market conditions, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's periodic reports and other filings with the SEC. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which are based on the Company's current expectations and assumptions and speak only as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. The Company does not intend to revise or update any forward-looking statement in this Current Report on Form 8-K as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 13, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of the Offering. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of April 13, 2017, by and between Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., as representative of the underwriters named therein.
5.1	Opinion of Paul Hastings LLP.
23.1	Consent of Paul Hastings LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
99.1	Press Release, dated April 13, 2017.

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.

Date: April 13, 2017 By: /s/ Henry Ji, Ph.D.

Name: Henry Ji, Ph.D.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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