

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): October 29, 2021

Applied DNA Sciences, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36745
(Commission File Number)

59-2262718
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

50 Health Sciences Drive
Stony Brook, New York 11790
(Address of principal executive offices; zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
631-240-8800

N/A
(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:

- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	APDN	The Nasdaq Stock Market

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

On October 29, 2021, the Board of Directors of Applied DNA Sciences, Inc. (the "Company") acting pursuant to a recommendation by its Compensation Committee, amended the existing compensatory arrangement for Dr. James Hayward, the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

As previously disclosed, Dr. Hayward is subject to an employment agreement, which provides for, among other things, an annual salary of \$400,000 per annum. The Company, pursuant to the above, increased the salary of Dr. Hayward to an annual rate of \$450,000, effective November 1, 2021.

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.

Date: November 4, 2021

APPLIED DNA SCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ James A. Hayward
Name: James A. Hayward
Title: Chief Executive Officer
