

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): August 17, 2017 (August 11, 2017)



CHEMBIO DIAGNOSTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-30379
(Commission File Number)

88-0425691
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

3661 Horseblock Road
Medford, NY 11763
(Address of principal executive offices)
631-924-1135
(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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))

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

(b) On August 11, 2017, Richard J. Larkin, the Chief Financial Officer and an Executive Vice President of Chembio Diagnostics, Inc. (the "Company"), informed the Company of his intention to retire from the Company. Mr. Larkin's retirement is effective on the earlier to occur of December 31, 2017 or the date on which a new CFO has been engaged and commences work for the Company. Mr. Larkin will continue his role with the Company until the effective date of his retirement.

The press release announcing Mr. Larkin's retirement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

- 99.1 Press Release entitled " Chembio Diagnostics Announces Retirement of Chief Financial Officer ", dated August 17, 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.

Date: August 17, 2017

Chembio Diagnostics, Inc.

By: /s/ John J. Sperzel III
John J. Sperzel III
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release entitled "Richard Larkin Announces Retirement", dated August 17, 2017.



Chembio Diagnostics Announces Retirement of Chief Financial Officer

MEDFORD, N.Y., August 17, 2017 -- Chembio Diagnostics, Inc. (Nasdaq: CEMI), a leader in point-of-care (POC) diagnostic tests for infectious diseases, today announced that Richard J. Larkin, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), has informed the Company of his intention to retire by December 31, 2017.

An external search for a new Company CFO will commence immediately. To ensure an orderly transition, Mr. Larkin is expected to continue to serve as the Company's CFO and remain an officer of the Company until the earlier of December 31, 2017 or until a successor is found.

Sharon Klugewicz, acting Chief Executive Officer, commented, "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Rich for his dedication and commitment to the Company over the last fourteen years. He has been a valuable member of our executive leadership team and we wish him well as he transitions into retirement."

About Chembio Diagnostics

Chembio Diagnostics, Inc. develops, manufactures, licenses and markets rapid diagnostic tests in the growing \$8.0 billion POC testing market. The Company markets its products directly and through third-party distributors under the brand names: DPP®, STAT-PAK® and SURE CHECK®.

Chembio has developed and patented the DPP® technology platform, which offers significant advantages over traditional POC lateral-flow technologies and provides the Company with a significant pipeline of business opportunities in the area of sexually transmitted disease, tropical and fever disease, and technology collaborations.

Headquartered in Medford, NY, Chembio is licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and is certified for the global market under the International Standards Organization (ISO) directive 13485. Each of Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Inc. and RVR Diagnostics Sdn Bhd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chembio Diagnostics, Inc. For more information, please visit: www.chembio.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained herein that are not historical facts may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company and its management. Such statements, which are estimates only, reflect management's current views, are based on certain assumptions, and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results, events, or performance may differ materially from the above forward-looking statements due to a number of important factors, and will be dependent upon a variety of factors, including, but not limited to Chembio's ability to obtain additional financing and to obtain regulatory approvals in a timely manner, as well as the demand for Chembio's products. Chembio undertakes no obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date hereof or to reflect any change in Chembio's expectations with regard to these forward-looking statements or the occurrence of unanticipated events. Factors that may impact Chembio's success are more fully disclosed in Chembio's most recent public filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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